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CONTINENTAL LETTER

Germany, Italy and the League; Mussolini and Ramsay MacDonald; Trouble in Vienna; Communist Group in Rumania; Pope Pius on Modern Problems.

PARIS

League of Nations Rumours.

Paris, March 13.—Germany's and Italy's early withdrawal from the Disarmament Conference is forecast by the French press which declares that rumours to that effect are circulating in Geneva. *Petit Parisien* which declares that both at Paris and at Geneva informed French circles view the situation pessimistically, holding out but little hope for the attempts to bridge the gulf between France on the one hand and Germany and Italy on the other.

GENEVA

Preliminaries to the Italian Conferences.

Geneva, March 13.—Italian delegate Count Aloise who this forenoon had on behalf of Premier Mussolini conversations with British Prime Minister MacDonald is reported to have advanced on this occasion the idea of a Five-Power Conference on Italian soil for the discussion of the question of a redistribution of various contested territories in Europe. French circles here are not

BUDAPEST

Round Up of Reds.

Budapest, March 13.—The police claim to have discovered a Communist-terrorist group which had planned numerous bombing outrages and large-scale demonstrations for March 15, the anniversary of the revolution of 1848. The group had ramifications throughout the country with its headquarters being located in the editorial rooms of a radical weekly. Sixty-three members of the organisation have so far been arrested.

ROME

Rome, March 13.—Cardinal Boggiatti has been appointed Chancellor of the Holy Roman Church in succession to the late Cardinal Andrea Fruehwirt.

Rome, March 13.—In a notable address before the Holy Consistory, Pope Pius XI praised to-day the work of the Catholic missions and dwelled on the sad signs of the times. He described the critical international situation as "uncertain, uneasy and inspiring anxiety as the consequences of the prevailing mutual distrust and exaggerated national

SCENES IN HONG KONG



A TRAVELLING RESTAURANT

in arms against this proposal and are bringing pressure to bear upon the British Premier to reject the suggestion. However MacDonald is stated that Premier MacDonald is personally prepared to meet Il Duce on Italian soil provided that such an interview would tend to a modification of the Italian disarmament demands. According to British circles no definite arrangements in that direction are yet in sight.

MUNICH

Munich, March 13.—Count Arco, who in February 1919 shot and killed the Bavarian Socialist Premier Kurt Eisner, was arrested to-day for having admittedly planned an attempt on the life of Chancellor Hitler.

VIENNA

Deal on One-Price Stores.

Vienna, March 13.—The Government issued to-day several new decrees, one of which prohibits all one-price stores, while another one provides measures for the protection of the farmers, including a ban on foreclosures.

alism." The Holy Father alluded to the world-wide economic crisis which was most conspicuously felt by those who have always been weak and poor. He went on to deplore the activity of the enemies of the Church from whose increasingly vigorous efforts it was possible to see that they knew that religion and the Church were the main buttresses of what these unworthy elements combat.

After a reproachful allusion to the incident of the Greek-Orthodox baptism of the Bulgarian royal baby, the Pontiff expressed the hope and expectation that the coming "Holy Year" would be one of spiritual uplift and of relief from the present distress.

Hotel; King's Restaurant; and Peninsula Hotel.

Sports

Athletics.—St. Joseph's College annual meeting (Caroline Hill).
Lawn Tennis.—Open Singles, S. A. Humphreys v. J. A. E. Cassumbay, 4.15 p.m.

Principal Malls

Outward for Europe via Siberia by Bhutan, 10.30 a.m.; Sunrise.—0.27 a.m.; Sunset.—0.36 p.m.
Tides.—High at 17.11; Low at 0.32.

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SEVEN YEARS HARD LABOUR

Counterfeiter Convicted At Sessions.

COMPLETE WORKSHOP SEIZED

Found guilty at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on a charge of making 370 counterfeit ten cent pieces and one five-cent piece, Ip Keng Chi was sentenced by Mr. Justice Wood yesterday to seven years' hard labour.

In passing sentence, his Lordship said: "The jury has unanimously found you guilty. The crime is one which is regarded as very serious by the criminal court."

Mr. J. A. Fraser, Assistant Attorney General appeared for the Crown and said that Police Dorrington and a Chinese detective went to No. 335, Shanghai Street and entered a small room at the back of the premises on the first floor where they saw the accused sitting on a bed cutting a sheet of zinc into small pieces with a pair of Chinese scissors. He was arrested and placed in the custody of a Chinese constable while the Inspector searched the room.

In the room was found three bottles of cyanide and silver solution, one bottle of potassium cyanide, two bottles of plaster of Paris, one small bottle of nitric acid, a packet of antimony ore, an alloy of lead, tin and antimony, a piece of sheet zinc some mixture of copper, zinc and nitric acid, five coining moulds, a number of counterfeit ten-cent pieces, wire brushes, a coin arranging board, a pot of oxide, tin foil, iron ladders, tongs, files, a pair of tweezers, a hammer and a zinc box lining.

After evidence of the finding of these apparatus had been given the Government Analyst, Mr. Branson stated that from the paraphernalia seized he had been able to make three counterfeit ten-cent pieces.

The defendant in his evidence stated that he was only visiting the place when he was arrested.

His Lordship addressing the jury pointed out that the charge was one of making coins and not of possession of counterfeit. The onus was on the Crown to prove that the defendant was manufacturing these counterfeit coins and that a collection of suspicious circumstances would not relieve the Crown of that duty.

The jury returned their verdict after retiring for fifteen minutes.

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

TO-DAY

(March 21).
(II Moon 29th Day).

Vernal Equinox (Ch'un-fen).
Lammot's Sale of Leasehold Property, Sales Room, 3 p.m.

Sale of Leasehold Property at China Auction Rooms, 3 p.m.

Annual meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

Hongkong Football Association Council meeting, 20, Ice House Street, 5.30 p.m.

Hongkong University Medical Society's annual meeting.

Rotary Club Tiffin.

Annual Prize-giving of Ladies' Section, Royal Hongkong Golf Club, Fanling, 4.30 p.m.

St. Paul's Institution Prize Distribution, Causeway Bay, 4.30 p.m.

Victoria Diocese Conference, 5.30 p.m.

Theatres

Queen's: "Blondie at the Police."
Central: "Tiger."
King's: "Devil and the Deep."
Oriental: "Mystery Ranch."
World: "Dawn Patrol."
Star: "Beau Hunks."
Majestic: "Thank."

Dances

Ten Dances at Gloucester Building; King's Restaurant; and Hongkong Hotel.
Dinner Dances at Hongkong

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GERMAN IDEAS IN MOTOR DESIGN

London.—Although it is but rarely that one sees a German car, especially a new one, on British roads nowadays, the Berlin Show, is of more than passing interest to anyone who concerns himself with the development of car design.

The show at Berlin is conspicuous for the novelties it presents. The Germans do not forget that a little more than 20 years ago they set the fashion to the motoring world by producing a "motorcar" which, in essentials, was the father and mother of practically all motorcars as we know them to-day. The German automobile engineer is clearly determined that history shall repeat itself, for he is now exploiting a number of new ideas which are promising enough.

Although Germany has a few exceptionally fine highways, they are now designing their cars to give the best possible results over indifferent surfaces. Many German cars are now equipped with independent front wheel suspension, an advance that has been fully demonstrated in every way to be practicable and desirable.

Wheel-Wobble Bogy.

The benefit of allowing each front wheel, so to speak, to look after itself, is chiefly that when one wheel meets a bump it does not disturb the other wheel, nor does it have to raise a heavy axle-beam. The consequence is that the reaction on the car as a whole is very much reduced, so that comfort is greatly promoted. Finally, it lays the bogy of wheel-wobble or "shimmy" once and for all. In all probability independent front wheel suspension

TRAFALGAR-SQ. TRAFFIC

22-LIGHT ROBOT

London, Feb. 20.—Work will begin a week hence on the scheme for putting the traffic of Trafalgar-square in electric leading-strings. It is the most ambitious scheme of traffic control by automatic light signals yet planned in Europe.

At present six police-constables are on constant duty directing vehicles which pass through the square at the rate of 7,000 per hour. They are to be replaced by 22 light signals of the red, green and amber pattern. The signals are to be of the traffic-actuated type, which means that all unnecessary hold-ups of the traffic are out and the intervals of red and green automatically adapted to the demands of the passing moment.

is the only sound solution to the problem of obtaining really good springing in cars of light net weight, which have to accommodate widely varying loads.

The economic influence is well demonstrated in a large number of light-weight, low-priced, small-powered cars, a type with which hitherto the German industry has but little associated itself. Several of these are equipped with air-cooled engines. It is notable, however, that whereas the British move in a similar direction some years ago was exclusively concerned with the two-cylinder engine of more or less motorcycle type, these modern German "air-coolers" have four cylinders at the least, and that in all cases the air-draught is induced mechanically and not dependent merely on the movement of the car.

—Gordon Aston in the *Evening Standard*.

CARS THAT ARE EASIER TO MAINTAIN AND REPAIR

MR. FORD AND THE PERFECT VEHICLE

DO DESIGNERS DRIVE THEIR OWN VEHICLES

By "OWNER-DRIVER."

Rumour has it that Mr. Henry Ford is about to produce and market the perfect motor car writes Owner Driver in *The Bulletin*. It sounds interesting, and it rather suggests that all past announcements of perfect motor cars have been wide of the mark.

The new car, we are told, will be made up of small parts for the purpose of making repairs and replacements very much easier than they have been, and we owner-drivers will therefore find our bills much smaller.

Let us be truly thankful. Have you noticed how large a part labour costs play in the bill for decarbonising, fitting a new fan belt, or even topping-up the battery?

Importance of Accessibility.

Apart from the rumour referred to, our designers have far too long been thinking in terms of construction and not of real accessibility, although it must be confessed that several of them have tried to help us lately.

Clutch housing apertures have noticeably increased in size, and one can now get a spanner inside them. Similarly with the mounting and driving of dynamo and ignition distributors.

On the whole, however, the tendency to manufacture cars for assembly on the bench, and to

ignore what happens when repairs are necessary, has been overdone.

Lines Not Everything.

Clean lines are all very nice, but the knowledgeable owner-driver knows the trouble which follows metal aprons, valances, and down-swept rear covers.

Try to remove the mudguards from a modern car and you will find yourself occupied for many hours. If the job is done in a garage you will find all these hours in the bill.

Motorists to-day find the costs of car-ownership high enough, and while the manufacturers are entering for emptier pockets by making more small-sized vehicles, it is to be feared that many of these are designed in a fashion which will sooner than later make just a heavy drain on the owner's pocket as the better designed but larger ones.

Out of Proportion.

I like the Ford idea of small parts.

The combined cylinder block and crank-case emanated from the famous Detroit factory, and has been copied all over the world on the ground that it provides a stiffer unit. But this form of construction undoubtedly raised the cost of reboring cylinders, and perhaps we are now going to be rid of it.

The cost of reboring cylinders, by the way, is out of all proportion to the initial cost of a car of moderate price. By the time one has paid for the labour involved in preparing the job, the fitting of new pistons, and the replacement of the parts, more than £15 has gone on quite a small engine. The cost of the car originally may have been in the region of £160, so that £15 for one job is rather stiff.

Possibly Mr. Ford has in mind the replacement of complete engines at low cost. If so there will be an outcry among those people who boast that the engine in their car was specially selected for them. It is astonishing how many special engines are on the road. I think salesmen are largely responsible for their existence.

Reconditioned Power Units.

I do not view the prospect of having the power unit exchanged for a reconditioned one with alarm. On the contrary, provided that the engines are really reconditioned properly, I would welcome being able to drop into a service station and have a new unit installed for a few pounds.

Think of the saving in time and labour and the value of knowing that one has not had to lay up the car for weeks on end.

I recall the outcry which followed the announcement that one could have reconditioned dynamos, batteries, and electric starters supplied instead of waiting for repairs. Most people accept these service instruments now without a grumble.

Would Agents Object?

I am afraid the ordinary garage agent will kick if manufacturers follow the forecasted Ford plan. Time and again I have been told by agents, when I complained of the difficulty of maintenance, that they did not want to make the work easier. What would become of them if one could nip off a mud-guard and replace it within an hour or two?

I think that reasoning quite wrong. Make motor ownership easier and thousands more cars will be sold. Reduce the costs of repairs and adjustments, and more will be placed in the hands of garages.

I am not suggesting that it is possible for the agent to reduce costs as they are to-day. I merely point out that if they had more work they would be able to spread their overheads over a larger number of cars.

Costs and Inefficiency.

The fact remains that if cars were made of smaller parts, each one of which would be readily removable, there would be fewer ramshackle cars on our roads. It is not the slightest use blinking the fact that many people running in-

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THE MONTE CARLO RALLY

HUMBER SUCCESSES

By registering the highest number of marks in the Classes for cars starting from Great Britain, and from Scotland, Mr. Lionel Martin, competing on the Humber Shippe "80" Sports Saloon has gained the following Rally awards:—

1. The Thistle Cup—for the competitor, irrespective of nationality, gaining the highest number of points by covering an itinerary with a starting point in Great Britain.
2. The Royal Scottish Automobile Club's Prize—for the competitor, irrespective of nationality, gaining the highest number of points by covering an itinerary with a starting point in Scotland. (Mr. Lionel Martin started from John o'Groats).

Bearing in mind the extremely severe conditions from start to finish of the Rally, and the fact that little more than 50 per cent. of the original entry succeeded in reaching Monte Carlo, Mr. Lionel Martin's performance on the Humber—the best of cars starting from Great Britain—is more than praiseworthy.

efficient cars are doing so because they cannot afford to have them overhauled.

There are so many things about the modern car designed, as I have said, to be built on the bench, that one may be pardoned for asking once more whether designers ever drive or maintain their own cars.

American cars are not one whit ahead of British cars in these respects. On the contrary, many of them are much worse.

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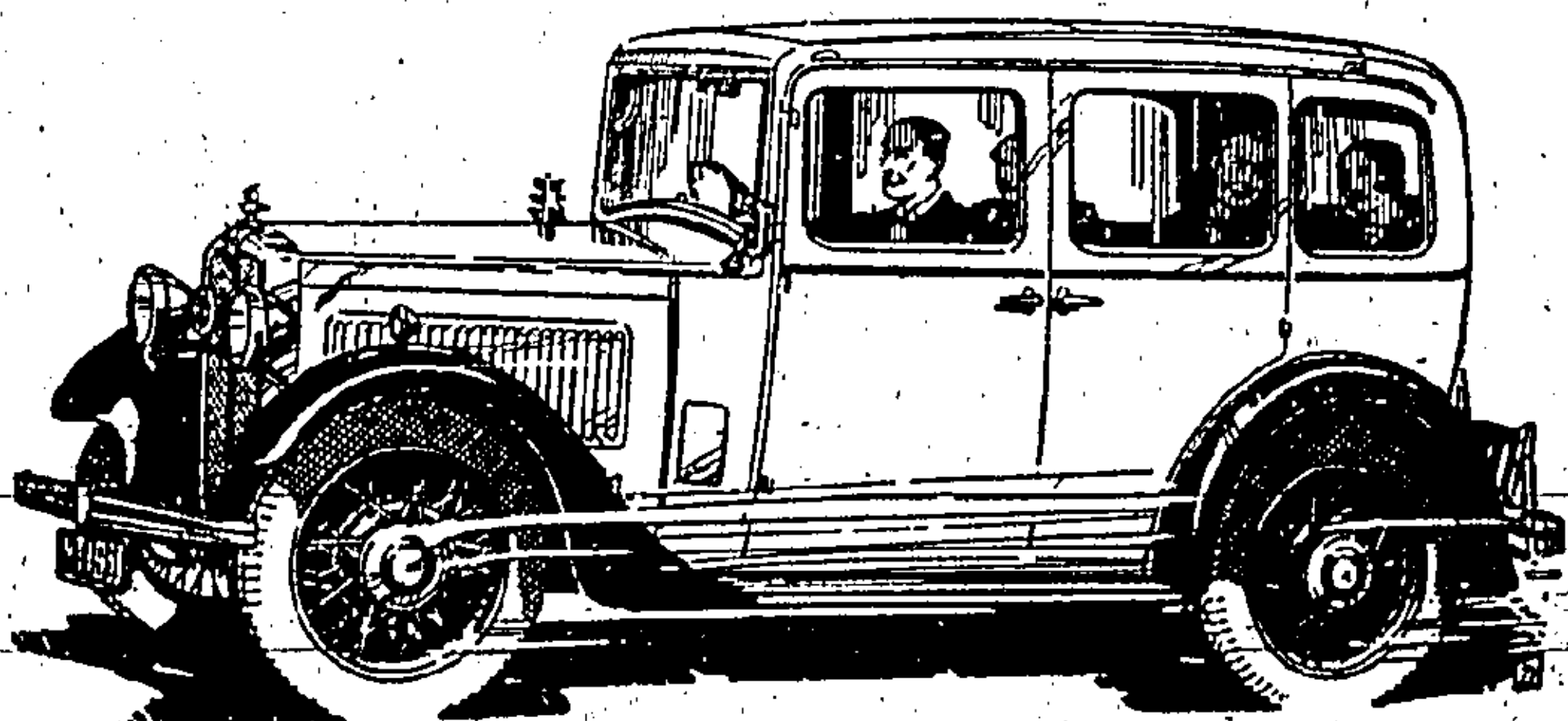
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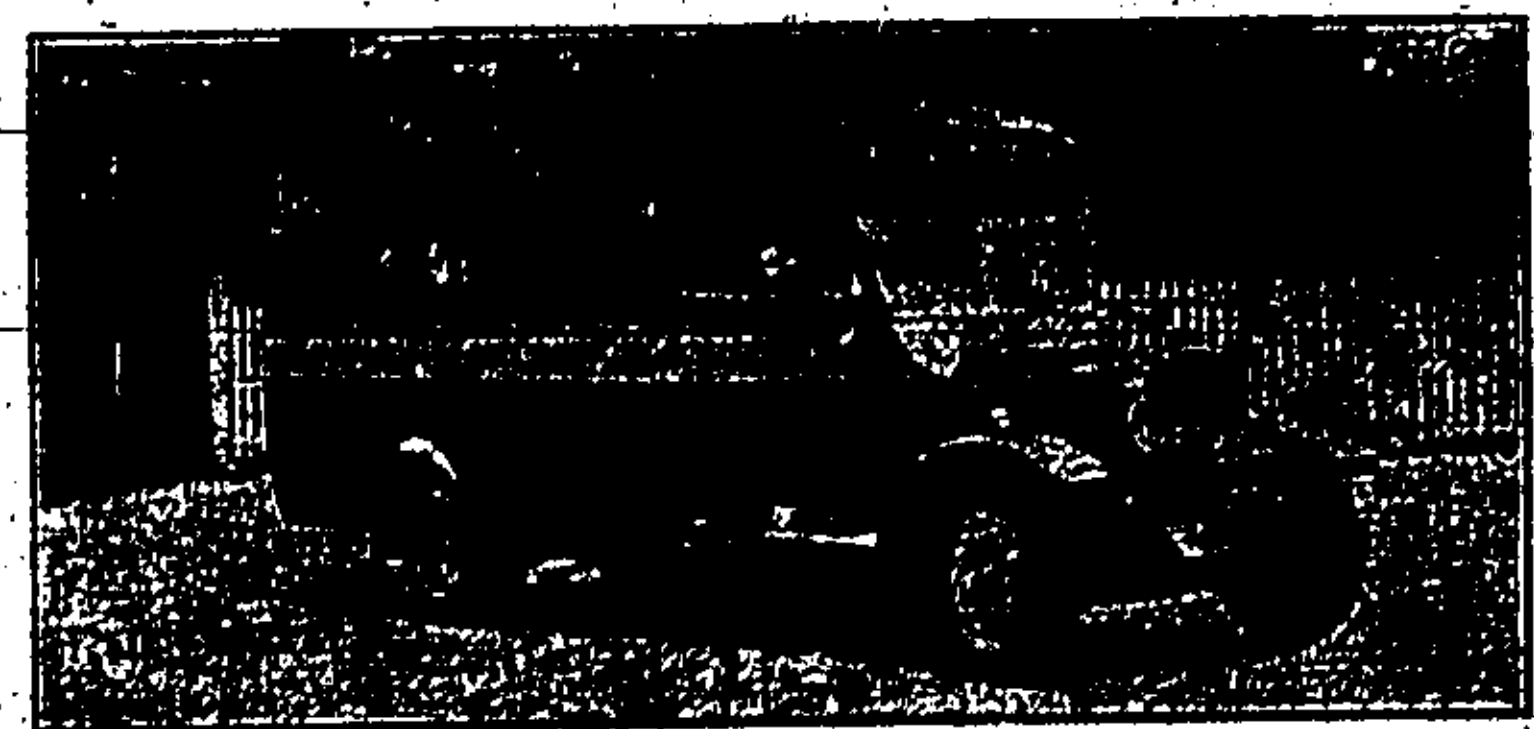
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MOTOR NOTES FROM GREAT BRITAIN

TESTS PAY FOR THEMSELVES

A batch of British-built machines which will pay for themselves in a very few years has recently been installed in one of Coventry's biggest motor factories. Known as dynamometers, these machines, which are in use in the Triumph works, are employed to test the horse-power and efficiency of car engines.

First, the car engine is coupled to the dynamometer and is run-in by an electric motor. When the preliminary run-in is completed the car engine is run under its own power, but it remains coupled with the electric motor in the dynamometer, which now acts as a brake.

The power given off by the petrol engine is read on the dials, but it is not wasted, for the electric motor now becomes a dynamo and actually passes current back into the mains. As the amount of current generated substantially exceeds that used, the dynamometers virtually represent a miniature power station, and by reducing electric power bills soon repay their own initial cost.

PERFECT POISE

In order to run smoothly a car flywheel must not only be perfectly circular, but the weight of metal must be evenly distributed about the centre. If it should be too heavy along one diameter, it will spoil the balance of the whole engine.

Finding the heavy spots is normally a long and tedious job, but at the Standard works a "micropoise" machine has recently been installed. This employs a floating carrier for the flywheel, and a spirit bubble indicates the

sector of the wheel which requires lightening. Not only does this ingenious machine find the exact spot which is too heavy, but it automatically shows the operator how much metal to remove, and stops him when the balance is perfect.

TESTING EXTRAORDINARY

After long experiment the Rolls-Royce people have found what they consider a test which will find out any chassis weakness. It is called a "Bumping rig".

The front wheels of the chassis are placed on two rollers on which are steel bars at different intervals. These rollers are rotated at 105 r.p.m., and as each bar hits the wheel—and the two wheels are not hit at the same time—the spring receives a terrific jolt.

In short, the test is equivalent to driving the chassis over the worst of roads, and it is interesting to learn that each new type chassis has to undergo this maltreatment for about 100 hours.

TO BE TREATED RESPECTFULLY

"Big Bertha" is the name by which the giant Blisse Press is known in the Singer works at Coventry. This 700-ton machine deals with astonishing speed and accuracy with large steel plates, which it presses into side members of car frames with apparently less effort than a boy cracking nuts. Other machines are similarly employed in transforming sheets of steel into wings and brake drums.

A wise works management has ordained that the machines can be operated only by a "lever situated some feet away, and each time the relentless press descends, a wide metal guard precedes it to brush away an incautious arm or head.

NAVAL NOTES

FLEET AIR ARM FLIGHTS

(Special Air-Man Service)

LONDON, Feb. 28. A modification of the new arrangements for the allocation of Fleet Air Arm flights, announced in *The Times* on Dec. 27, is notified in Air Ministry orders. The new arrangements are consequent on the increased provision of aircraft for embarkation in H.M. ships other than aircraft carriers.

One half of No. 403 (Fleet Fighter) Flight, formerly in H.M.S. Glorious in the Mediterranean, has been amalgamated with No. 401 (F.F.) Flight, in H.M.S. Furious, Home Fleet. The remaining half of No. 403 flight is being brought up to an establishment of five aircraft by the addition of one aircraft each from Nos. 406 and 407 Flights. The unit will embark in H.M.S. Eagle, now under refit at Devonport, for service on the China Station at a date to be promulgated later. On arrival in China the four aircraft of No. 403 Flight embarked in H.M.S. Hermes (which ship the Eagle is to relieve) will be amalgamated with No. 405 Flight, bringing the latter unit up to an establishment of nine aircraft. (The normal number of aircraft per flight is six.)

No. 406 (F.F.) Flight has at present an establishment of nine aircraft, of which four are embarked in the Hermes and five in ships of the Fifth Cruiser Squadron, China Station. After the amalgamation of the four aircraft in the Hermes with No. 403 Flight, referred to above, the remaining five aircraft in the Fifth Cruiser Squadron will continue to be known as No. 403 Flight.

COMMAND OF THE GUARDIAN

Captain K. H. L. Mackenzie, who was relieved in the autumn of 1932 in command of the gunboat flotilla in the West River, China, has been selected as the first commanding officer of the Guardian, the new net-layer and target-towing vessel completing at Chatham Dockyard. The Guardian should be ready for service towards the end of June, and will join the Home Fleet.

Captain Mackenzie is a specialist in navigation, and at the time of his promotion, in December, 1930, was Master of the Fleet in the Mediterranean. He has had 20 years' service, much of which has been spent on the Australian Station. When the late War began he had been for two years navigator of the sloop Torch on the New Zealand Station. Later he navigated the light cruisers Royalist and Melbourne in the North Sea. After the War he served in the battle-cruiser Australia, and in 1921-22 commanded the sloop Cerberus, also in the Royal Australian Navy. He was squadron navigator for the First and Third Battle Squadrons in 1925-26.

AIRCRAFT IN THE EAGLE

Wing Commander J. M. Robb, D.S.O., A.F.C., has been selected as Senior Air Staff Officer in H.M.S. Eagle, which is to leave England in April for China to take the place of the Hermes. The last S.A.S.O. in the Eagle was Wing Commander R. M. Field, now serving at the Air Armament School at Eastchurch.

Wing Commander Robb entered The Northumberland Fusiliers from Durham University in 1914 and was seconded to the R.F.C. in 1916. In the course of his service in France he destroyed seven enemy air-

VATICAN APPEAL FOR HARMONY

"NEFARIOUS INFLUENCE OF COMMUNISM"

Rome, March 19.—A call to world leaders to bury petty jealousies and purely nationalistic aspirations and work in harmony for the common good of mankind was sounded to-day by Pope Pius XI in addressing a secret consistory in the Vatican at 10 a.m.

"The critical international situation is rendered uncertain, disturbed and disquieting by reciprocal suspicions and exaggerated unjust nationalism," the Pope declared. "We deplore that in the New World, as well as in the Old World, class and fratricidal strife are still heard, while from the contaminated and devastated earth the voice of the blood of brother's rises to Heaven."

The Pope, deploring the lengthy worldwide economic crisis and unemployment whereby he said "the enemies of all political, social and religious order are eagerly profiting," voiced a warning that "the nefarious propaganda and influence of Communism" may well be considered one of the chief causes of distress and the world crisis.

"Our prayers will go to Heaven to obtain the necessary light and the even more necessary harmony for the conferences and conversations to be held this year for the readjustment of world economic policies, for disarmament—that it may be effective both materially and morally—and for settlement of the war debts problem," the Pope concluded.—*United Press*.

craft and his patrols accounted for numerous others. On October 12, 1918, he attacked and silenced three hostile howitzers. The D.F.C. was awarded him for War service and the D.S.O. in 1916 for gallant and distinguished service in command of No. 30 (Bomber) Squadron during the operations in Kurdistan in the previous year. As a preparation for his new post Wing Commander Robb attended the course at the R.N. Staff College, Greenwich, during 1932.

Economy in Forms. With a view to saving work and simplifying accounting records, it has been decided to substitute in R.A.F. home areas a loose-leaf form of record for the duplicate civilian staff salary pay list (Form 430) and civilian employees wages pay list (Form 1003) now maintained by accountant officers. The new form will come into use on March 1, the beginning of the new leave year.

COMMAND OF THE AMBASCADER

Lieutenant-Commander T. L. Alkin, who in 1925-26 was executive officer of the Codrington, leader of the 3rd Destroyer Flotilla, Mediterranean Fleet, is to assume command-to-day of H.M.S. Ambascader, employed in Irish waters, in succession to Lieutenant-Commander W. G. Davis. The Ambascader was one of the first two destroyers built after the War, being authorized in 1921. Her new C.O. gained the English, seamanship, and scripture prizes when passing out from Dartmouth College as midshipman with seniority of May 1, 1917, and served in the battle-cruiser Renown. As a sub-lieutenant he was in the gunboat Mantis in China. Since his promotion to lieutenant in August, 1921, he has served in the destroyer Wyndham and the battle-cruiser Renown (for a second time). His first destroyer command was in the Skate, one of the tenders to the Vernon torpedo school, in 1922-23.

SURVEYS IN CHINA

H.M.S. Herald, the surveying ship on the China Station, which has been laid up at Hongkong since the end of November, is ordered to be ready to leave on April 3 for another season's work. She will be employed for nine months, returning to Hongkong about Dec. 1 to refit. The Herald is commanded by Commander N. A. C. Hardy, who has been promoted to his present rank since he joined her two years ago from the Kellett in home waters.

BRITISH ENGINE WITH 24 CYLINDERS

LATEST TREND IN ENGLISH AUTOMOBILE STYLE.

London.—Twenty-four cylinders, turning the crankshaft at 25,000 revolutions a minute, is the new automobile engine turned out by Prof. A. M. Low, English scientist and inventor.

The engine, termed "the fastest automobile engine in the world," dispenses with inlet and exhaust valves and is driven by a novel mechanism. It is a 24-cylinder engine, the cylinders being arranged in two rows of twelve, the trend in English automobile style this season. Numerous twelve and sixteen are seen on the market.

Professor Low's engine, although not yet incorporated in an automobile, may be soon, it is said. The design of this car will be something new in the automobile field. It will consist of a very long hood, followed by the conventional body of a regular passenger car, giving it an unusual appearance.

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME

BROADCAST BY Z.B.W. ON 355 METRES

11 to 11.30 a.m.—Stock and exchange quotations, weather report, etc.

11.30 a.m.—Chinese recorded programme.

12.30 p.m.—European recorded programme.

1 p.m.—Local time and weather report, etc.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press news, selected London and New York stock quotations, etc. Relay of the Rotary Club Tiffin Speech from Gloucester Building Restaurant.

2 p.m.—Close down.

Violin and Piano Recital to-night.

4.30 to 7 p.m.—Chinese programme

7 to 10.30 p.m.—European programme.

7 to 7.15 p.m.—

Band Selections

"The Nell Gwynne Dances" (German).—The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards conducted by Captain George Miller.

"Hunoversque" (Dvorak).—The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards conducted by Captain George Miller.

7.15 to 7.30 p.m.—Selected London and New York stock quotations

7.30 to 8 p.m.—Schuman's Quintet in E Flat Op. 44 for Piano and Strings played by Ossip Gabrilowitch and the Flonzley Quartette.

8 p.m.—Local time and weather report.

8.05 to 8.45 p.m.—

A Concert

Piano Solo—"Caprice Espagnol" (Moszkowski).

Piano Solo—"Bohemian Dance" (Smetana).—Wilhelm Backhaus.

Song—"My Little Nest of Heavenly Blue" (Speath and Lehar).

Song—"Twilight" (Hamilton).—Maria Jeritz (Soprano).

Cello Solo—"Menuet" (Paderewski).

Cello Solo—"Spanish Dance" (Cassado).—Gasper Cassado.

Song—"The Bandolero" (Stuart).

Song—"Bedouin Love Song" (Pinet).—Peter Dawson (Bass Baritone).

Piano Solo—"Alt Wien" (Godevsky).

Piano Solo—"Prelude in A Minor" (Debussy).—Isabelle Yankovsky.

8.45 to 9.30 p.m.—A Selection of Spanish Music kindly donated by a Listener.

Prelude e Allegro—Luis Barbosa (Violinist).

A Bardeira—Fauquissart—Banda de Sapadores de Caminhos de Ferro.

As Lagrimas—Canato da Venus—Maria das Neves (Soprano).

Tito-Canato de S. Joao.—Rui dos Santos Cobrita (Harmonio).

Esta Tudi as Escaras—Vámos Bailar, Maria.—Orquestra Tipica Portuguesa.

Fantasia—Variacoes Em A Menor.—Arthur Pardes (Guitarist).

Noite de Luar—Fado Dos Ceres—Armando Goes (Tenor).

(All records in the above European Programmes are from Z.B.W.'s Library).

9.30 to 10.10 p.m.—

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Moonlight on the Colorado.—The Four Aces.—MR224.

10.30 p.m.—Rugby Press news.

10.33 p.m.—Close down.

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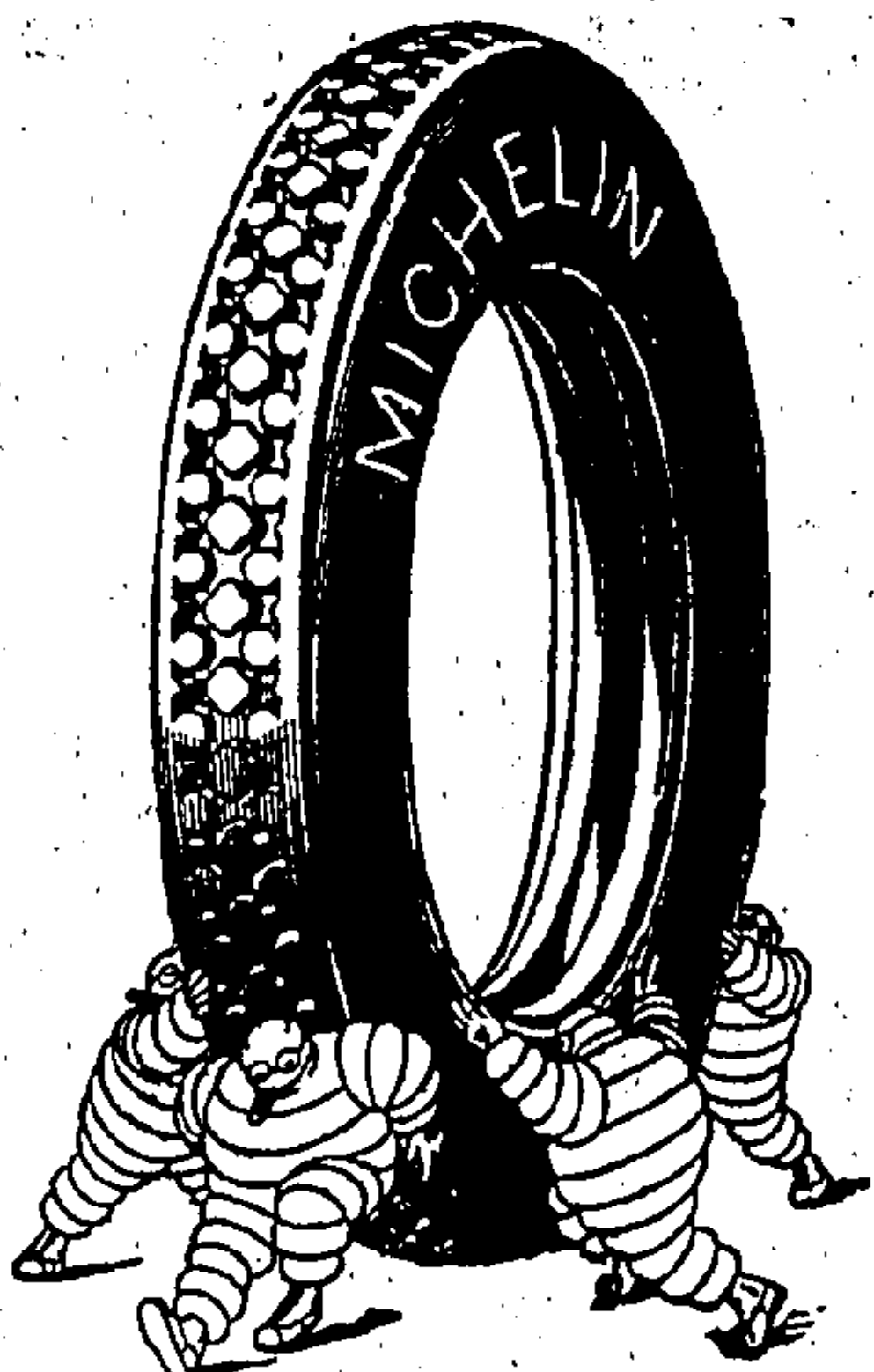
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TO-DAY AT THE CINEMA

HONG KONG

King's.
"Devil and the Deep."
Queen's.
"Blondie of the Follies."
Central.
"Igloo."
Oriental.
"Mystery Ranch."
World.
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Queen's.
"Behind the Mask."
"Prosperity."
"Fast Life."
Central.
"States Attorney."
"Once in a Lifetime."
"The Mummy."
World.
"50 Million Frenchmen."
Oriental.
"Body and Soul."
Star.
"Dawn Patrol."
"Flying Fool."

MOVIE NEWS

Pictures In Hong Kong.

"BLONDIE OF THE FOLLIES"

ENTERTAINING PICTURE AT THE QUEEN'S

Blondie McClune and Lottie Calahan are pals. They work together in the same department store. They live in the same New York tenement house.

Lottie (played by Billie Dove), however, has ideas for a "larger life." She gets into the Follies and comes back to "ritz" her friends in the tenement as Lurline Cavanaugh. She has an expensive apartment and a millionaire body friend, Larry Belmont (R. Montgomery).

Blondie (played by Marion Davis) and Lottie are the kind of chums who would give their lives for each other, but are always fighting. Blondie goes to visit Lottie and is awed by the luxury with which she is surrounded. Lottie patronizes Blondie until she finds that Larry has a sweetheart. Then she is furious.

Her anger mounts when Larry takes Blondie to the Follies to see Lottie perform and then spends the rest of the evening partying at a speakeasy. That speakeasy party leads to Blondie's breaking away from home when her father, to whom she is deeply attached accuses her of doing wrong.

Larry gets Blondie in the Follies. Then he proceeds to fall in love with her, but when Blondie discovers that Lottie is in love with Larry, she discourages him. They try to pretend they hate each other, and each believes that the other's dislike is genuine. In spite of Blondie becomes the pampered darling of one of Larry's friends. But when her father dies, she realizes the emptiness of the existence she has been leading, and decides to go home.

In her enmity against Blondie, Lottie, during a dance in the show, plays a trick which causes Blondie a very painful injury. Out of that despicable trick, however, comes a reconciliation between Larry and the two girls with Lottie acting as mediator for Blondie and Larry. An entertaining film which is well acted, and which we strongly recommend.

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DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY

(Continued from Page 1.)

(March 22.)

(11 Moon 27th Day.)

Lammert's Sale of Household Furniture, No. 8, Branksome Towers, May Road, 2.30 p.m.; No. 61 A, Nathan Road, Kowloon, Household Furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Annual meeting of Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd., 11.30 a.m.

Lawn Bowls Association meeting, 5.30 p.m.

Concert by Members of European Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, Sailors' and Soldiers' Home.

Dances.

Tea Dances at King's Restaurant; and Majestic Dancing Academy.

JAPAN CAPTURING INDIAN TRADE

London, Feb. 22.—The favourable showing for the past year made by Courtauld, the leaders of the rayon industry in this country, is indicative of the improving prospects of the industry as a whole. It is true the improvement is slight, but there are signs of increasing activity, although there is still room for a much brisker demand.

Speaking at the annual meeting last March, Mr. Samuel Courtauld told the shareholders of Courtauld, Limited, that he saw no tangible reason for expecting a worsening of the then existing conditions, although he would be surprised if they improved very much.

Generally speaking, those more hopeful views have been borne out, the total British production of rayon products in 1932 having been 72,510,000 lbs., against 54,570,000 lbs. for the year 1931, and total sales 71,409,681 lbs. compared with 55,500,464 lbs. in the previous year. British consumption of rayon in 1932 is estimated at 68,507,000 lbs., compared with 47,338,000 lbs. in 1931.

The 1932 British consumption figures constitute a record for all time, and in a recent interview while in America Mr. Samuel Courtauld attributed the increasing demand for rayon to the recognition by fabric houses of the economic and style value of the product.

Exports of rayon from the United Kingdom last year amounted to 9,478,000 lbs., as compared with 7,164,000 lbs. for 1931. British manufacturers, however, are likely to feel in increasing severity the effects of Japanese competition in the rayon industry in the near future.

Japan in the last nine months of 1932 increased her exports of rayon yarn to India from 70,000 lbs. in the same period of 1931 to 1,771,000 lbs. British exports to India for the same period were 1,157,000 lbs., against 811,000 lbs., and Italian sales to the Dependency amounted to 4,950,000 lbs., against 2,544,000 lbs. Exports from Holland to India fell from 815,000 lbs. to 800,000 lbs.

India's Imports. Indian imports of rayon and mixture fabrics from Japan for the nine months to December 31 last amounted to 88,292,000 yards, as compared with 2,638,000 yards imported from Great Britain. When it is stated that India's total imports of rayon and mixture fabrics in the period mentioned were 95,954,000 yards, it will be seen how completely Japan is ousting her competitors from this branch of the Indian trade.

Business in this country is quiet at the moment, but a rush of orders is expected as the Easter season approaches.

"BEHIND THE MASK"

HOW THE LEADING MAN MADE GOOD

Jack Holt cheerfully admits that if he hadn't accidentally started in the film industry he might now be a vagabond.

Holt, whose new Columbia picture, "Behind the Mask," is due Thursday at the Queen's Theatre, has had an exciting and adventurous career. Before going into the movies, he was literally a "Jack-of-all-trades."

After graduating from a military academy in his native Virginia, Jack studied to become a civil engineer. But he soon decided that engineering was not the life for him, and left for the great Northwest.

During the next few years, Holt was a cow-puncher, a freight packer, a mining prospector and government mail carrier in Alaska and the northern part of Canada. He also practiced a bit of civil engineering, and later leased a large cattle ranch in Oregon, and seemed destined for the life of a rancher.

Coming down to San Francisco for a good time, Jack's bank-roll dwindled down to a quarter. And then he accidentally met an old actor named Ernest Joy, who was working with William Night, pioneer movie director. He was told that the company was looking for an expert rider to double for a movie star in a dangerous stunt. The picture was "Salome Jane," and Holt's movie career began right there, although his debut did result in two broken ribs and a dislocated shoulder.

That was in 1912. Holt stuck (Continued on previous column)

"DEVIL AND THE DEEP"

STAR AND BIG GAME HUNTER

Oryxes and gerenuks are fair prey for Gary Cooper.

The tall star, featured with Tallulah Bankhead in "Devil and the Deep," now showing at the King's Theatre, bagged one of each during his recent hunting trip in Africa.

Both are extremely rare. The oryx is of the large deer family and the gerenuk is a member of the gazelle family, fleetest of jungle animals. Both, in fact, are so fast on their feet that only a skilled marksman can hit them.

A taxidermist is now busy mounting them for the living room of Cooper's home.

"Devil and the Deep," Cooper's first picture since his return from Africa, is set, curiously enough, on that continent. A seaport on the north coast, and not the jungle, is the background, however.

Cooper is cast as a young naval lieutenant assigned to a submarine based at the port. He falls in love with Miss Bankhead, wife of his commander, and the latter, insanely jealous, gets the two on his boat and sinks it with them aboard. The subsequent climax is highly dramatic.

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Blondie of the Follies

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NEXT CHANGE

A FRIEND WHO LIVED BY DEATH!

JACK HOLT in "BEHIND the MASK"

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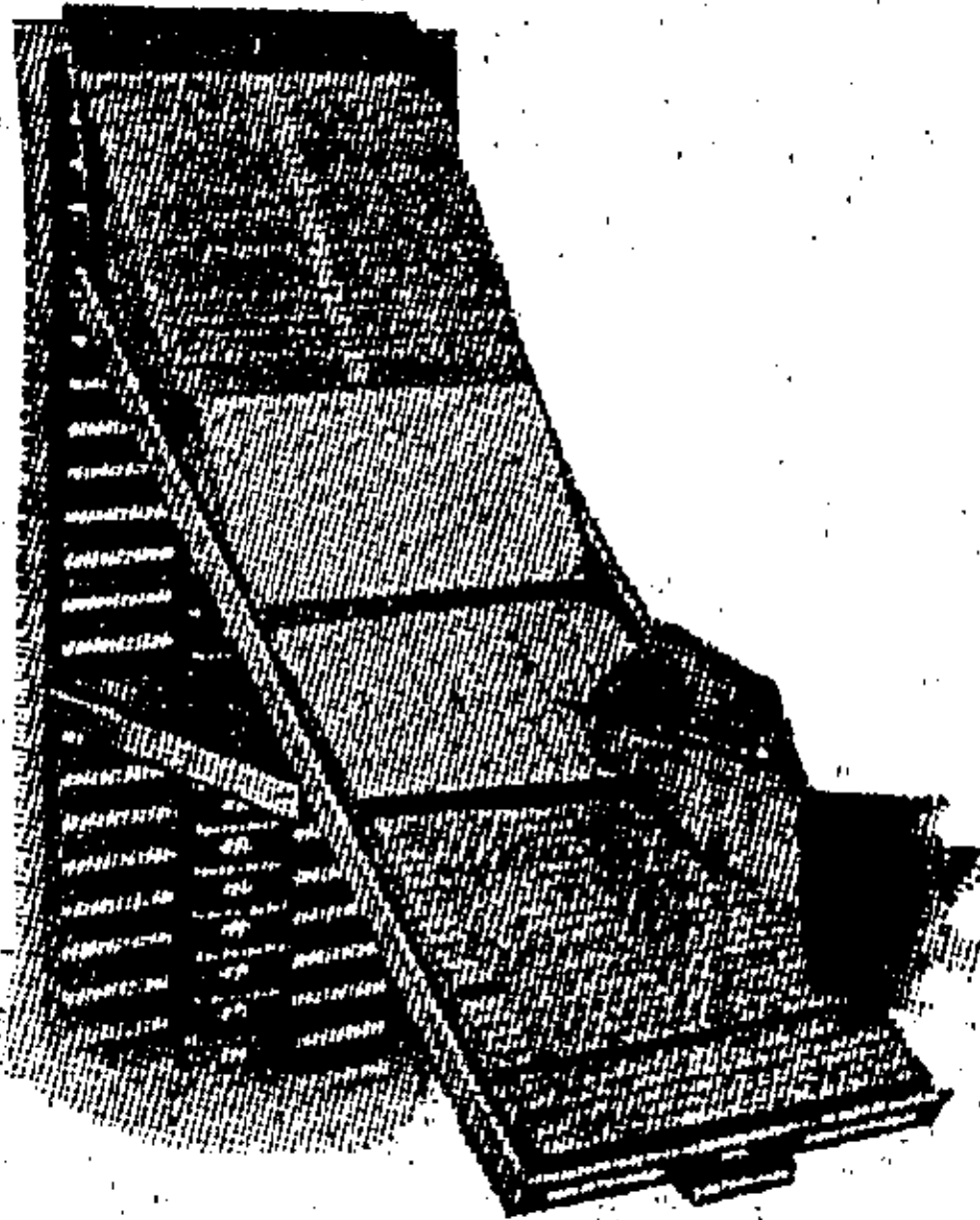
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Prize Distribution And Concert

SUCCESSFUL YEAR REVIEWED

A very successful year of school work was revealed in the Headmistress' report at the Annual Prize distribution of the Holy Spirit School which took place yesterday afternoon in St. Patrick's Hall.

The prize distribution was preceded by a very enjoyable concert by the pupils, the principal item being a play centering round William Shakespeare and entitled "Master Skylark." The play was in two acts and occupied over an hour, the pupils showing very real talent. A word must be said about the pretty costumes worn by those who took part.

The Report.

The Headmistress' speech which was read by Fr. Byrne, S. J. was as follows:—

Enrollment.

The average enrollment for the year was 144. This was an increase of twenty over the previous year spent at 140 Caine Road, and the result of a steady increase since the first 90 enrolled on the opening of our school at 77 Robinson Road.

Attendance.

Class 3 had a record of perfect attendance for seven months, and only a little short of perfect for the remaining months. The other classes, notably the Special Class and the infant classes, left much to be desired in the matter of attendance. We earnestly ask the parents to cooperate with us by registering new children promptly at the beginning of the year, and by planning their trips to the country to coincide with the school holidays.

Health.

Some of the absences were caused by illness, but we are glad to record no cases of serious ill health. It is hard to make the children realize the importance of caring for their eyes. Many more than are, should be wearing glasses.

The Staff and Class Work.

We appreciate the thorough work done by our Chinese Masters in the upper and middle school. Mr. Yue, inspector of vernacular schools, commenting on the compositions of the children, said that they were a credit to both pupils and teachers.

In the English Department, we might single out the work in phonetics for special mention. Drawing also is a favourite subject with the girls as the amount of care they put on home-work shows. We do not believe that girls are poor in mathematics. Many of our girls show a liking for this subject and a corresponding ability in it. The girls who took the Junior examination secured especially high marks in geometry.

Social Affairs.

Class parties and long walks were held at intervals on the weekly holidays. The students enjoy the opportunities these give for closer personal acquaintance. Realizing the benefits that have resulted from them, we plan to give these activities a fixed place in our programme. In December the upper classes helped in the organization of a Former Students' Association. Pearl Chow was elected the first President. We wish the young Association every success.

The Christmas party is planned to be our biggest event of the year. This year it was a very happy affair. It is a private party for the school children, but guests of honor this year were Fathers Donovan and de Angelis.

We owe special thanks to Bishop Valtorta for having given us Father de Angelis for the year. The children looked forward to his weekly visit, and during his classes were very alert and brimming over with enthusiasm. It was with regret that we learned that he will not be our weekly visitor this year, but we have every proof of his continued and deep interest in the students who look to him as more than teacher.

PRIZE LIST 1933

Certificates.

Senior Local, Annis Yu.
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Au Yeung Wing Chi Scholarship, Edith Kong.

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General Prize Fund, Annie Wong.
General Prize Fund, Rulalia So.
Perfect Attendance—
Maie Chan, Regina Lau, Annie Wong, Adela Lee, Daisy Tai, Frances Au, Virginia Poon, Naomi Kong, and Margaret Cheung.

THE SPARY CASE

Amah And House Boy Give Evidence.

MR. SPARY CROSS-EXAMINED

The case in which Mrs. Ida Spary is suing her husband, Mr. Austin Spary of the Public Works Department for maintenance, cruelty and neglect was continued before Mr. Schofield at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. D. B. Evans appeared for the wife, while Mr. Horace Lo represented the husband.

After evidence had been given by the amah and house-boy corroborating the defendant's statement in regard to the various incidents mentioned in the previous hearings, Mr. Spary was cross-examined by Mr. Evans.

Mr. Evans: Have you been in the Army?—Yes.

What is your objection to Service men?—I have none whatsoever.

Am I right in saying that you objected to your wife going to dances with Service men at all?—Yes, a few but not the whole lot.

Referring to the whist drives at Stonecutter's to which Mrs. Spary was alleged to have often gone, Mr. Evans asked:—The invitations to your wife always included yourself?—Yes.

Did you permit your wife to go to these drives provided she went with a lady?—Yes. Provided she went with a married couple.

Regarding Mr. Spary's alleged drunkenness, Mr. Evans asked:—Your usual drink was whisky?—Yes.

Would you tell me roughly what your drink chits are for a month?—They vary according to the season of the year. I can tell you that the chits for the whole of last month (February) in all clubs was \$21.

Going back a bit further, in October, November or December, am I right in saying that your bill at the Kowloon Cricket Club was \$60 a month?—I only joined the Kowloon Cricket Club in July. The average is about \$30 but that also included Club's billiards, tournaments, tiffin, dance, etc.

Mostly your chits were for drinking?—No. I might buy a tin of tennis balls.

I put it to you that about 80 per cent. was through drinking?—Yes, and probably 50 per cent. It all depends on my luck in dice.

When questioned about the incident after the Chinese dinner at Yau-mati in which Mr. Spary was alleged to have attempted to strangle his wife, witness denied strongly that he had ever done such a thing. He admitted, however, having pushed his wife by the throat, and might have gripped it. He was not drunk at the time as the party had been spoilt by his wife's behaviour and consequently he had had very little to drink.

Mr. Evans: Is it not a fact that you suspected your wife throughout for no reason at all?—She always told lies to me.

Can you tell me any instances?—My wife used to tell me she was going to certain places, but when I looked out of the verandah I found that she was going to a certain lady whom I had forbidden my wife to go to.

The case was then adjourned until this afternoon when it will probably be finished.

HONG KONG OPEN PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

The Hong Kong Open Photographic Exhibition, first of its kind here, will be held at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. from March 22 to March 31, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., excepting Sunday. The Exhibition will give the public an insight into the various fields and types of photographic work and it is hoped will also create a deeper appreciation of photography as a fine art as well as a hobby.

So far 200 pictures have been submitted to the exhibition, many of which are from interested amateurs and professionals from Canton and Shanghai.

Among the clubs that have helped to make this exhibition possible are the Hong Kong Photographic Club, Hong Kong University Amateur Photographic Club, Charming Photographic Club, and the European Y.M.C.A. Photographic Club, which is headed by Mr. Greenham.

The public are cordially invited to attend.

SINCERE CO.

CHINESE ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION

The Sincere Co., Ltd., are now displaying again the Chinese Art and Craft Exhibition at their Roof Garden on the occasion of the arrival of tourist ships during this week. Many new treasures added since the last display. Every description of Chinese craftsmanship, pictures, curios, and various kinds of art have been collected to make the exhibition interesting and instructive to the visitor. During a visit to the Roof Garden, one may see practically all the treasures of the Orient, and after an enjoyable inspection of these curios and mysteries of another world, what could be more delightful than to partake of delicious Chinese food, especially prepared on the premises and carefully chosen from the menu. To the tourists patronising Sincere's Restaurant, an appropriate souvenir is given away in the form of a pair of ivory coloured chop sticks.

"IS THERE A MEANING IN EVIL"

BISHOP HALL LEADS INTERESTING DISCUSSION

"Is there 'meaning' in Evil" was the subject chosen and opened for discussion at the third of the weekly meetings for men arranged by Bishop Hall and held at Lane Crawford's restaurant yesterday. "Evil," said Bishop, in a short address before the discussion, "is of three kinds: firstly, there is the evil which we do, i.e. wrong doing through having an evil will, second-



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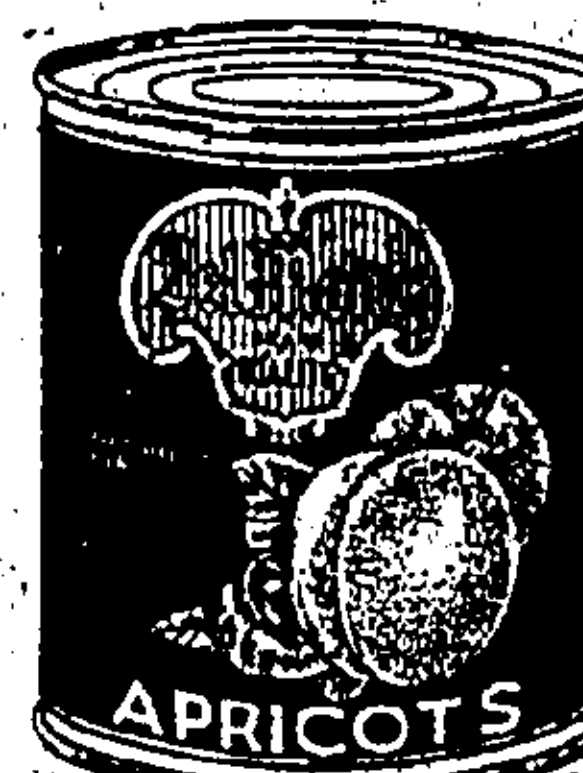
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This and other interesting debatable point being raised and discussed at length, the meeting arrived at the conclusion that, evil, in the opinion of those present, in the forms referred to was visited upon us not actually as a hurt, but rather in order that another channel might be opened up for us through which we could derive good or profit from what appeared on the surface to be calamity.

The number attending the meeting yesterday was seventeen, a few more than at previous meetings, and all of these were representative of the business community. The subject to be raised at the next meeting, on Monday, March 27, is "Can we believe the Bible?"

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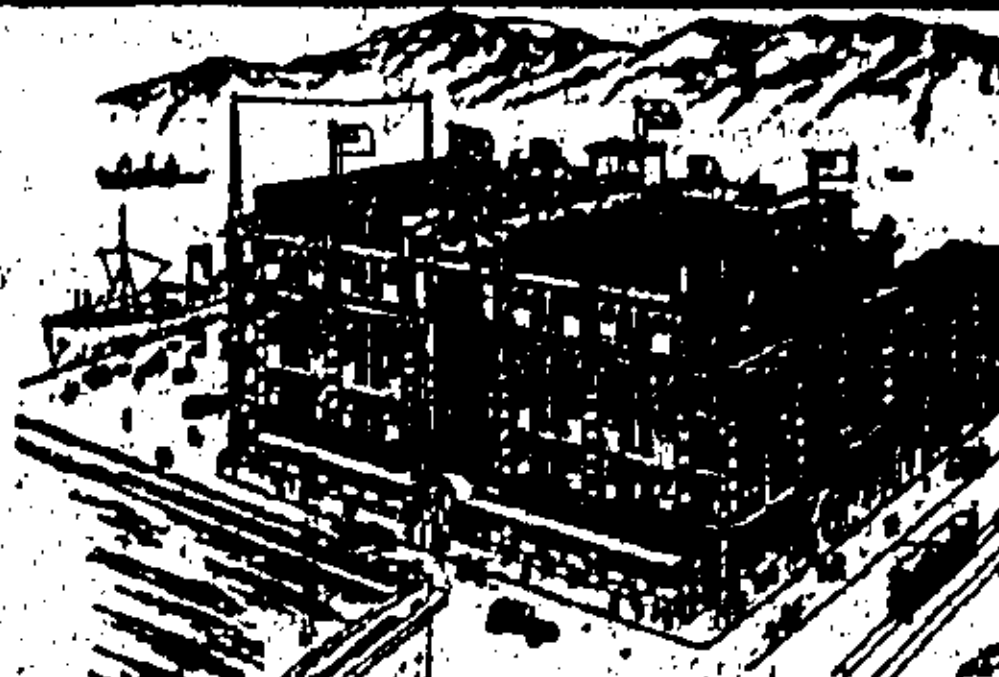
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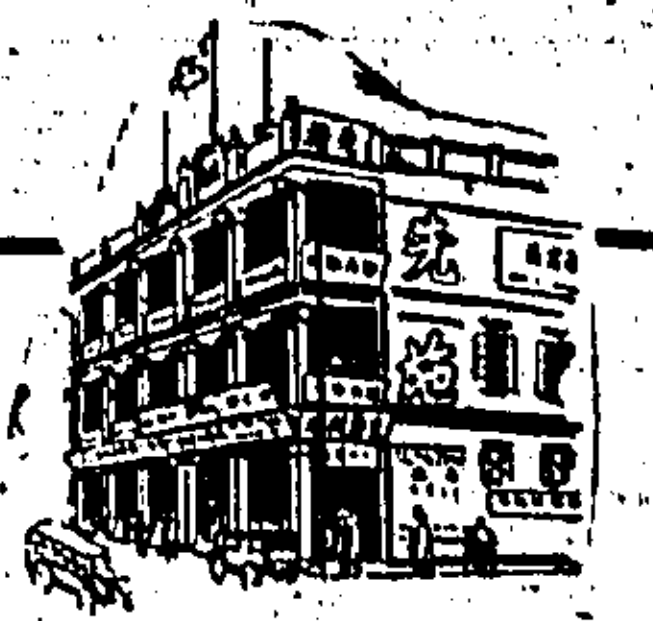
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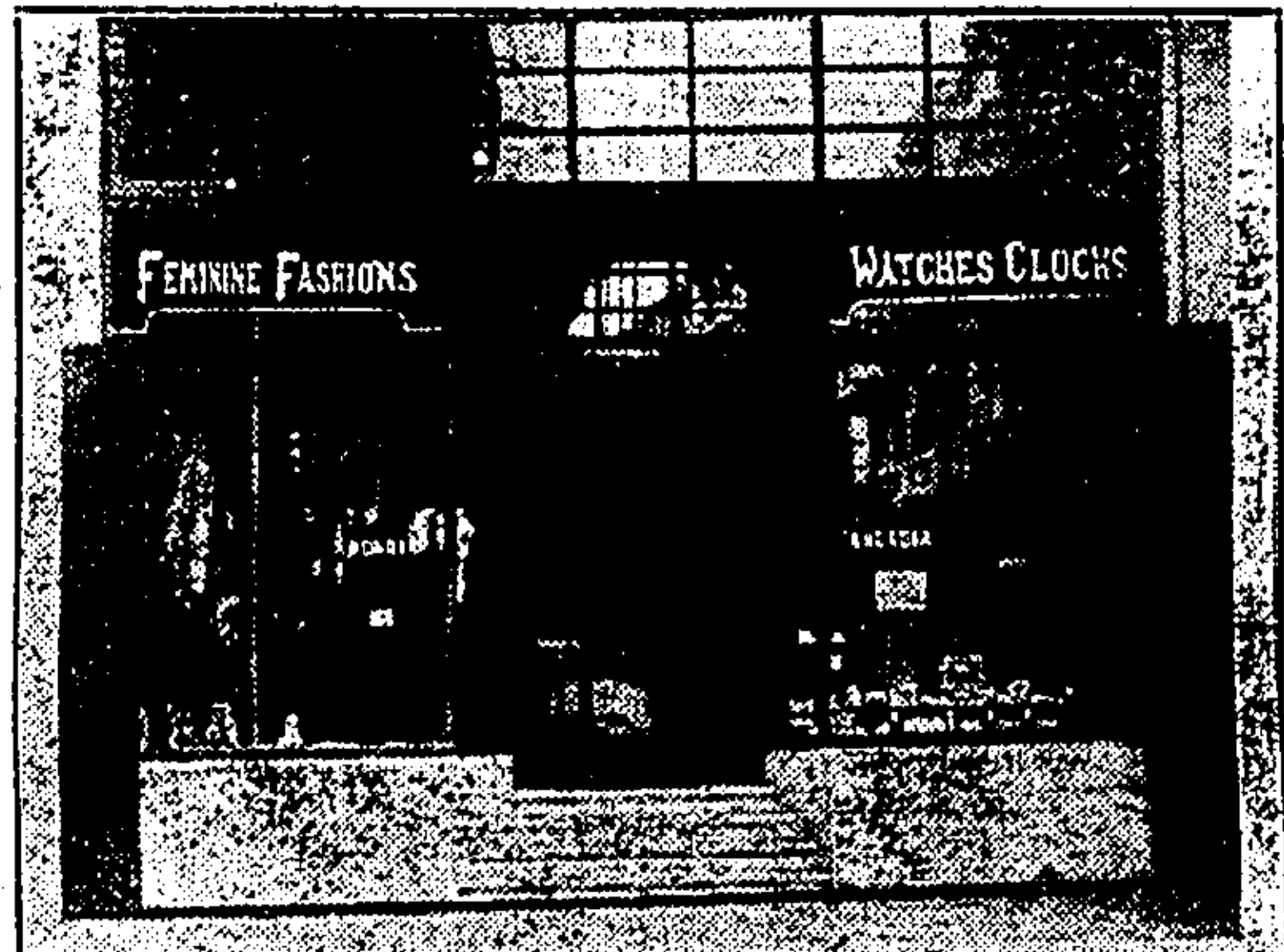
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DEARTH OF SYLVA

The historian of to-morrow will doubtless regard this as a mercenary age. In perusing our magazines, periodicals and newspapers he will be struck by the incessant reference to gold, silver, tariff walls, inflation, and exchange. The fact is that this generation possibly thinks more about money than any that has gone before it. Even in Hong Kong we suffer from a silver complex; the happiness of some of us hangs by a quotation, our spirits are regulated by the rise and fall of the dollar. To quote Wordsworth, "The world is too much with us; late and soon, getting and spending, we lay waste our powers." Our trouble is that we think too much of silver, and too little of sylva. Is it that subconsciously we hate to be reminded of the early days of our race, when we walked wearily through leafy glades, and seek to obliterate the memory of those green temples with windowed monoliths of ferro-concrete? The modern town-planner has little use for trees; at the most he will patronisingly spare an acre of ground, surround it with iron railings, and call it a public park. It is only in Germany and other parts of the Continent that trees are regarded as necessary to the welfare of the community. Where, in England, is there a street of such beauty as the Unter-den-Linden, in Berlin, where a thoughtful municipality has provided seats under the scented lime boughs? In Hong Kong and Kowloon Mr. Green has done his best to camouflage the barren hillsides, but our streets are woefully made of trees. Nathan Road is the only thoroughfare where the builders have spared the gnarled and ancient banyan trees, though doubtless in time these will be chopped down.

There is no sadder sight than a city of stone and concrete, where the only leaf to be seen is in pots outside hotel entrances. No wonder the faces of city dwellers look so sad: they yearn for the chlorophyll which draws the sunshine to translucent leaf cells. Observe in London how the wan plane trees on the Embankment cower under the shadow of grim and sunless buildings. Shall we one day see Kowloon like this? It is one of the disappointments of the visitor to Hong Kong to find

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NO FLATTERING PICTURE

PROFESSOR FORSTER'S CAUSTIC BOOK
IN AID OF KOWLOON SCHOOL

"It is the desire of most foreign residents in the Far East to be able to say that they have experienced the full force of a typhoon in the open sea, and to be able, in retrospect, to dwell on the various aspects of the experience," declares Professor L. Forster, of Hong Kong University, in a little book of impressions he has left behind him to perpetuate his name. The author, who makes no pretence to be a stylist, nevertheless sums us all up in a shrewd and dry manner, though he is always tolerant and good-humoured. One gathers that Life to Professor Forster was very much of a stage, though he obviously classifies himself as an onlooker, rather than a puppet. We are the puppets, who (as he says) "are more or less mentally and physically deranged. We do not realise what curious effects the atmosphere is having on our system." It is no flattering picture that the author has drawn of Hong Kong and its inhabitants, but it has little of the cynicism of Somerset Maugham's portraits. After all, Professor Forster was one of us; perhaps he has escaped before the virus of decay could enter his system. At any rate, he sees with uncomfortable clarity into the anomalies of our social life.

Old and New.

In a thoughtful chapter, "The Clash of the Old and New," he compares the confluence of two streams with that of two radically different civilisations. "It is interesting," he observes, "to watch and meditate on the junction and the mingling of two civilisations which outwardly are so separate and disparate as those of the East and the West."

The author writes on a variety of impressions, from Chow dogs to yachting, from advertisement hearings to "The Oppressed Woman in China," and bends them all to his particular vision, which is certainly broader and more sympathetic than most men's. Here and there one strikes a passage which reveals like a flash the true and slightly socialistic opinions which he harboured, but seldom expressed during his sojourn amongst us. Writting of space, "one of the grave problems of modern life," he has little good to say for the motor-car or its owner.

"The possession of space," he claims, "is the hall-mark of prosperity. But it is when we come to the use of that strictly limited space which is communal, and which cannot be appropriated permanently by an individual, that we find the old conditions wholly inadequate to meet the new situation. Roadways were made for pedestrians in the first place, and certainly for nothing faster than a horse-drawn vehicle later. The poor man walks, and so makes no extravagant demands on public space. If he uses the tramcar or omnibus, he asks for little more room than he would occupy if he walked; with a rickshaw he doubles at least his demand on the city's space, while if he is sufficiently affluent and owns a car he adds enormously to his share of the public highway. Not only does the powerful car take up the space of ten people at least while motionless, but it requires when travelling in addition the least distance within which it can come to a halt. Here the space demanded is proportionate to wealth. It is the individual in the seven seater who seriously adds to the congestion of cars." We take it that Professor Forster does not approve of automobiles!

A Gilbertian Situation!

On his own ground, safely away from speculation, the author is much more interesting. His chapters on "Excerpts from the Cathedral Records" are a fascinating addition to the history of the Colony, though he devotes only eighteen pages to this subject. Referring to certain documents which describe the efforts of the Dean to induce the Government to part with a sum nearer to that which was apparently promised, namely, \$6,000, instead of the \$4,600 with which they claim to have discharged their obligations, he comments "In this correspondence there is the truly Gilbertian situation of the Treasurer and Secretary to the Trustees having to write to himself as Colonial Secretary."

Some of the best chapters in the book are those describing the author's experiences in China proper. Whether he went up the Yangtze to the Yangtze, or paid a fleeting visit to Foochow, he saw the things that escape most of us.

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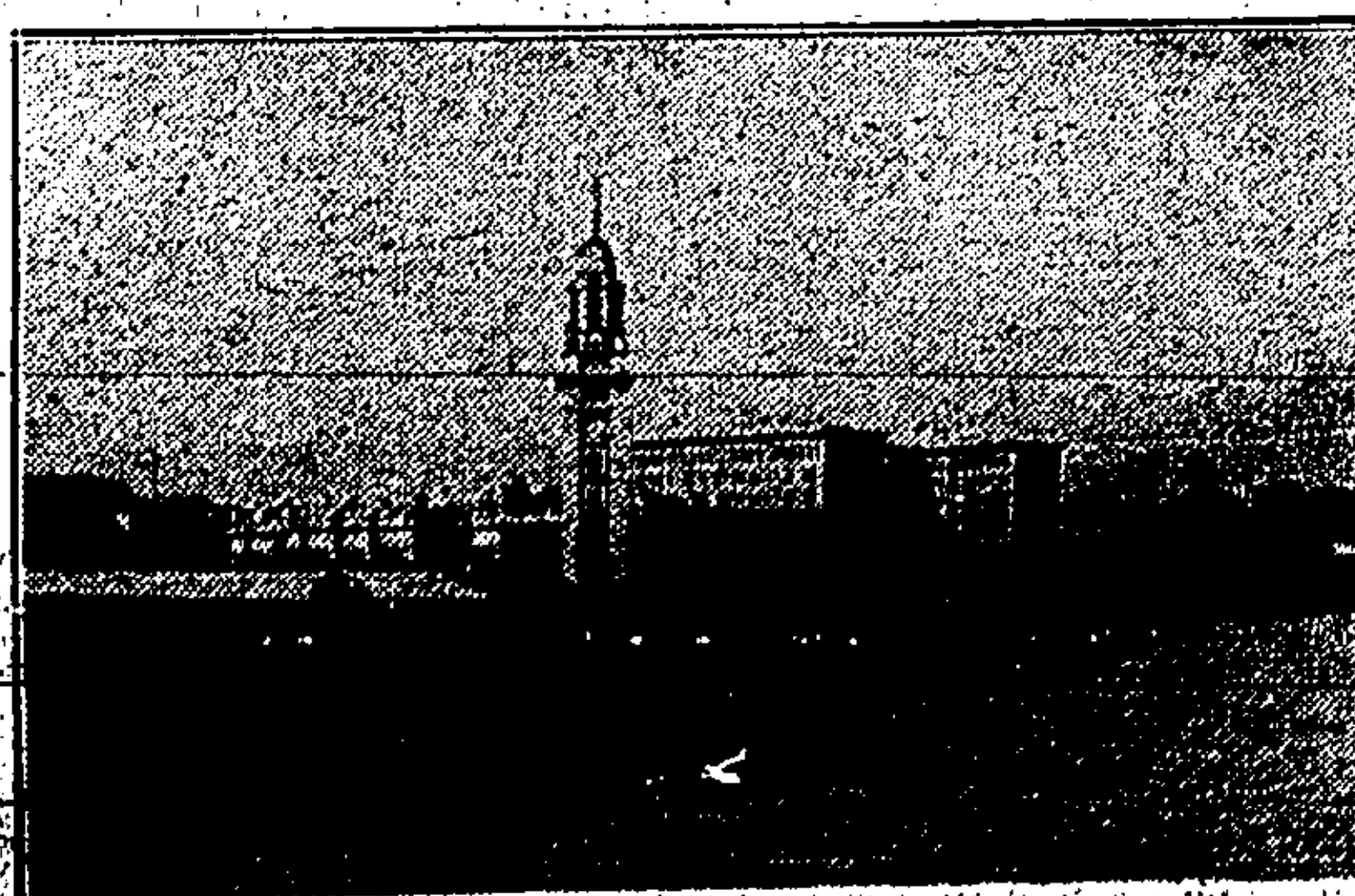
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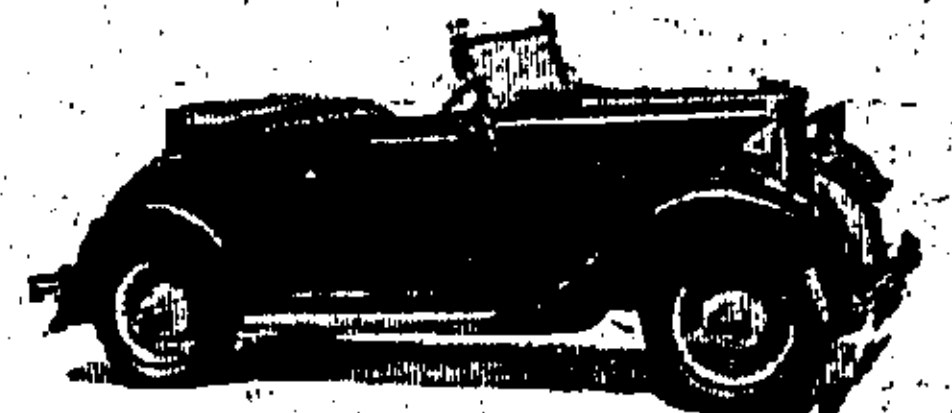
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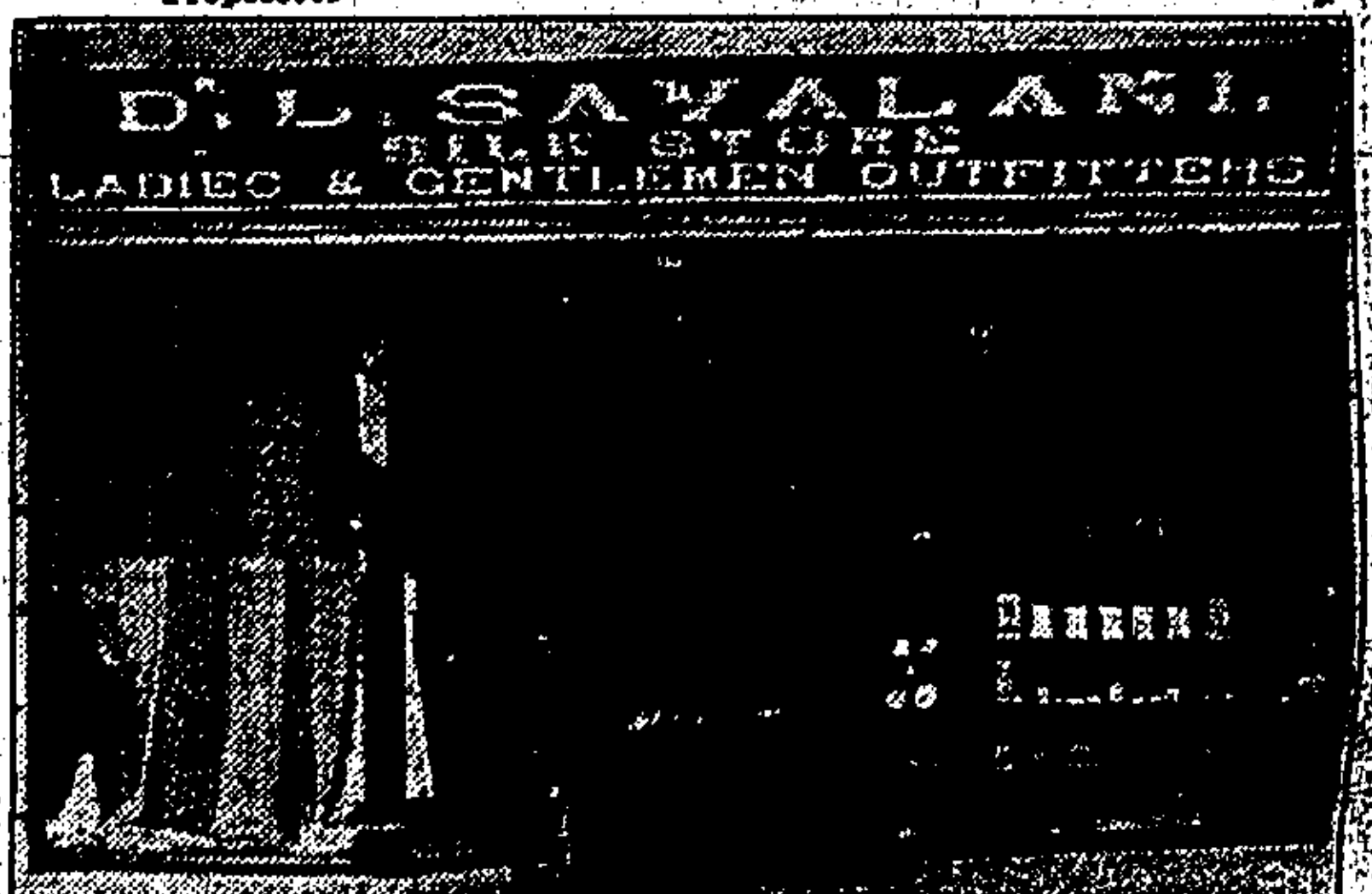
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Mr. Nash, who recently left a curacy in Melbourne, Australia, to take up his post in this Colony, was educated at St. Katherine's College, Cambridge, (1926-30) where he gained his M.A. degree. He was a keen oarsman and rowed for his College during May Week races. After his licence has been bestowed by the Bishop, Mr. Nash will be able to preach in the Colony, as well as take services.

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PICTURE!

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His questing mind forever probes into the meanings of externals, and he understands the Chinese character as few Westerners do. Even the Foochow lacquer were suggested to him traits of character. "It reveals," he says, "the gentler, kinder side of the Chinese character; it exhibits their refinement of taste, their restraint and their dignity."

Where a German Failed.

A few years ago Count Herman Keyserling wrote a book called "The Travel Diary of a Philosopher," in which he attempted to solve some of the mysteries of the East. Like most German writers, he was very involved and metaphysical, but one felt that he was only making the problem knottier than ever. Professor Forster prefers the role of the onlooker, good-humoured and curious, and he seems to give us a much clearer, more tangible picture of China and the Chinese than the cocksure Count. "Echoes of Hong Kong and Beyond" was not intended to be a great book. It is thoughtful, written in a simple and light vein, and here and there the scholar's pen has dipped deeply into fundamentals. Those who peruse its pages cannot fail to realise that they have missed much of the charm, many of the delights which the sympathetic mind can uncover in Hong Kong. Professor Forster was able to reap under the "suburban film" which, like the fog, obscures the realities of our Oriental island. His book will open our eyes to new beauties and discoveries, showing us how to open the muddy mists and reveal the glistening pearl within. It is well printed in large type and is a credit to Ye Oldie Printerie, though there are innumerable errors of spelling which tend to aggravate the reader. Thus, on page 49, Sir James Barrie is referred to as "Barry." We trust that if a reprint of this valuable little book is ever made these unfortunate mistakes will be corrected. All profits of the book will be devoted to the funds of the Diocesan Boys School, an excellent institution, which besides educating on modern lines and giving the English School system in its entirety, supports a certain number of orphans.—R. O'S.

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ATTACK ON OLD
MANWOULD-BE ROBBER GETS
THREE YEARS

Sentence of three years' hard labour was passed by Mr. Justice Wood yesterday at the Criminal Sessions on Haw Wang Shing, who was convicted on a charge of assault with intent to rob in Yeung Shiu Hang village, near Castle Peak.

Mr. J. A. Fraser, Assistant Attorney-General, in opening for the Crown, said that in the village of Yeung Shiu Hang there was a religious house, the caretaker of which was a man named Wong Li Sin. At about 2 a.m. on the morning of the 28th January, he was sitting in one of the rooms in the light of an oil lamp when suddenly the door was opened and two men entered. Both were wearing dark clothing and one had a towel wrapped round his head. The other held some instrument up the sleeve of his jacket which proved to be an iron bar. He withdrew it and pointed it at Wong, but the latter, realising that it was not a revolver, grappled with the man. As he did so, he was struck by a third man, with a sharp instrument. Wong struggled with the three men and shouted for help. The robbers then became alarmed and made off. Wong then went upstairs and blew a police whistle for assistance. The whistle attracted neighbours and the matter was reported to the police.

In the grounds of the house was found a hat and the towel and in the house one of the hats worn by the robbers. Mr. Fraser remarked that there was no positive identification, and the most the prosecution could say was that the accused was of the same build as one of the robbers, the one who held the iron bar. There were two witnesses, however, who would state that the hat found in the grounds was that of the accused and, as a matter of fact, accused admitted it to be his. Accused was arrested about a fortnight later on the main road at Ping Shan and, when charged, stated that he went to the house but did not enter. At the Magistrate's court, he made a statement on oath in which he said he could not get a job and wanted some money and was asked by a man named Wong Hong to go out and steal. They were accompanied by a third person named Pak Tai. He also admitted being in possession of the iron bar, but emphatically denied entering the house.

The Defence.

Accused, in evidence, stated that sometime on the evening of January 28th he was taking opium in a divan at Yeung Shiu Hang village when Wong Hong came and asked him to go to the religious house to worship. When they reached the garden of the house, Wong Hong told him they were going to steal and gave him an iron bar. He, accused, said he could not steal, as it was quite against the law, and ran away. He did not enter the house at all.

UNION CHURCH

CHILDREN'S FLOWER
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The annual flower service at Union Church, Kowloon, will be held on Sunday morning next, this being a joint effort by the members and the Sunday School. The children will bring flowers to the church and afterwards these will

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HOCKEY MATCH

"Y" DRAW WITH MEDWAY

An evenly contested hockey match was played at King's Park on Saturday afternoon between European Y.M.C.A. XI and H.M.S. Medway, in lieu of the Parthian XI. The Navy had the better of the game in the first half, though the teams drew even towards the close. Two goals were scored by the Navy, but G. Fowler equalised for the "Y" with two clever shots which found the net, the game thus ending in a draw. The "Y" team was as follows: S. Shields; R. A. Bates, G. Owen; Hamble, E. Murphy, W. J. Brown; C. Balman, A. Tate, G. Fowler, F. Dormer, Hargreaves.

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Before Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday Detective Sergeant Mackay charged two men, Wong Kam Sang and Cheung Chuen, with the theft of a bottle of serum and a milk feeder pump from the Company.

Sergeant Mackay said that the first defendant, who was charged with larceny, was employed at the Dairy Farm as a motor-driver and assistant to the veterinary surgeon, Mr. Watson. It was alleged that he stole the serum and the pump. He was arrested in Chatham Road by a Chinese detective who found him carrying the bottle in a basket. Both men pleaded guilty.

The first defendant, had a record of ten years service with the company and in view of this he was not sent to goal but bound over for 12 months in the sum of \$250. The second, who was charged with receiving stolen property, was bound over in \$100 security for the same term.

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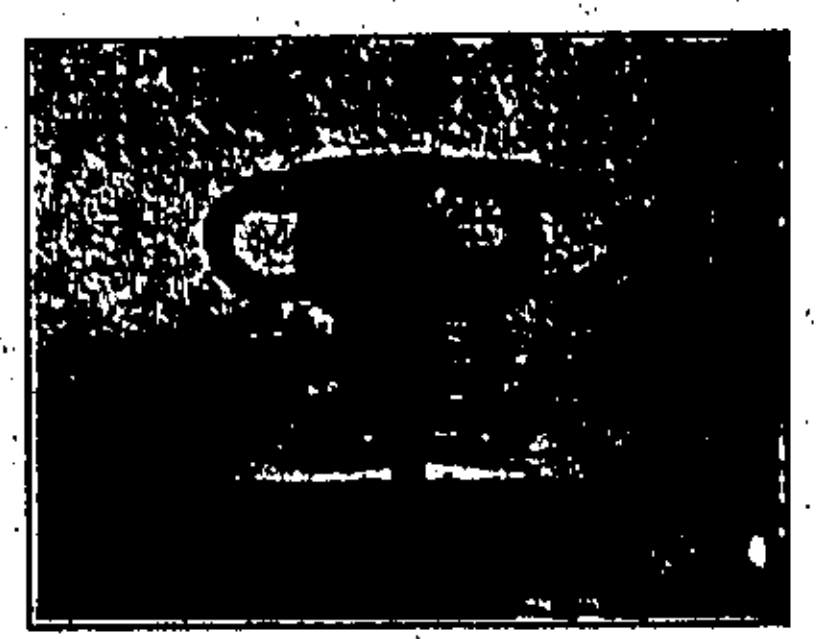
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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

SUBSTANTIAL DECREASE IN PROFITS FOR THE YEAR

FAILURE TO TENDER BUS SERVICES EXPLAINED

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., was held at Exchange Building yesterday, Mr. J. Scott Harston presided. In the course of his report and statement of accounts for the year, Mr. Harston said that the Company had suffered a loss in profits of over six lakhs during the past year, which he attributed to the Sino-Japanese troubles in Shanghai, and to the decrease in tourist traffic.

Particulars as to the basis upon which the Company submitted its tender to the Government for the licence to operate the Road Passenger Transport Services, and of its failure were also fully dealt with by the Chairman.

DECREASE IN TOURIST TRAFFIC

Those present at the meeting were:—Mr. J. Scott Harston (Chairman), Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. E. M. Raymond, Mr. Allan Cameron, Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell (Directors), Mr. J. H. Taggart (Managing Director), Mr. P. H. Suckling (general manager), Mr. F. C. Barry (secretary), Messrs. N. V. A. Croucher, J. F. Wright, Jr., A. M. L. Soares, F. Austin, A. McKirdie, J. M. de Figueiredo, J. M. Alves, Wong Man Ching, A. W. Smith, W. H. Brown, B. Wong Tap, Chan Shiu Ming, Wing Hay Choy, A. Keith, A. C. Pionelli, O. Ribeiro, A. C. Blake, J. P. Sherry, J. Gould, A. M. d'Eca, G. A. Harriman, A. J. Edgar, P. C. Potts and Mrs. M. M. Fullerton (shareholders).

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

In moving for the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, the Chairman said:—

Gentlemen, The Report and Accounts before you for review to-day cover a period during which your Company's undertaking has been operated under very adverse conditions, and it is regretted that the Accounts reveal, in consequence, a comparatively poor trading result. In the Profit and Loss Account you will observe the item "Balance of Working Account" brought to credit at the sum of \$1,156,978.53, whereas in the Accounts for the preceding year we were able to bring to credit under a similar heading the sum of \$1,750,883.45. This decrease of approximately \$600,000 is attributable generally to the poor business experienced owing to the depressed trading conditions which have existed throughout the year, combined with the fact that competition in increased severity has been encountered both here and in Shanghai.

The Shanghai Trouble.

The Sino-Japanese clash during the Spring of last year, and its aftermath, severely handicapped the Company's Shanghai Establishments, more particularly in the case of the Astor House Hotel, owing to the location of that Establishment in an area which became the venue of some of the more serious disturbances. Unavoidable increases in expenditure had to be borne during the height of the disturbance in Shanghai in the early part of the year, and in respect of the major portion of the remainder of the year, business there remained at a very low level, which led to a greatly diminished income at the Hotels. In consequence, the working results shown in respect of the Shanghai Establishments for last year failed to produce profits for the Company's general financial accounts on the scale previously experienced.

Decrease in Tourist Traffic.

In Hong Kong, the volume of patronage from transient tourist traffic, (a class of patronage which had fallen off considerably during the previous two years) decreased further during the past year, due to the continuation of the severe depression in Europe and the United States of America. Furthermore, in connection with the patronage of those transient guests who were received at our Establishments during the year, it has been apparent that a considerably reduced spending power existed in comparison with what had hitherto been the case. Although, therefore, in the circumstances, a fairly satisfactory ratio of occupancy at our Hotels in Hong Kong has been maintained, nevertheless, in order to secure this, it has been necessary to accept rates on a lower scale than that which formerly prevailed.

Dealing further with the Profit and Loss Account, comparison with the previous year's accounts reveals that the income derived from

"Dividend on Investments" during the year under review has decreased to the extent of some \$23,000.00. This item represents the dividend received from The Grand Hotel des Wagons-Lits, Ltd., Peiping, and the decrease referred to shows the depressed trading conditions also experienced by that subsidiary, due mainly to the severe drop in the volume of tourist traffic to that City.

Shops and Offices.

Income from Rents of Shops and Offices also appears at a figure falling short by \$12,500.—of the sum obtained from that source during the previous year. This has been brought about by certain remissions of rentals made to the tenants of shops in the Astor House Hotel building during the period of the Sino-Japanese hostilities in the neighbourhood of that Hotel.

Diverting your attention to the contra side of the Profit and Loss Account, I would mention that the item "Rent, Rates, Taxes and Licences" embodies an increase of expenditure under that heading last year of some \$14,000.00. This has been occasioned by reason of increases in rates assessments and licence duties imposed in respect of certain of our Establishments in Hong Kong and Shanghai. Increased expenditure under the heading of "Insurances" amounting approximately to \$32,000.00 was also borne last year. This increase is entirely represented by the premium in respect of the War Risk Insurance covering the Shanghai properties, which was effected for the month of February, 1932, and of which mention was made by your Chairman at the last Annual General Meeting.

Maintenance and Repairs.

The expenditure on "Maintenance and Repairs" totalling \$158,337.79 represents an increased outgo last year of some \$21,000.00 over the previous year's expenditure. In addition to routine repairs and renewals, a programme of further modernization work in connection with certain accommodation and equipment was carried out during the year, and, although it may be considered that part of this expenditure could legitimately have been capitalised, it has been deemed expedient to meet out of revenue practically the whole of the cost of the maintenance and modernization work undertaken. You will observe in this connection that the "Repairs and Renewals Account" in the Balance Sheet has been depleted by an appropriation for the year of \$6,420.48 only.

I would here draw your attention to the fact that in addition to the full programme of maintenance and renewal work carried out during the year, further depreciation on the Company's fixed and floating assets on an adequate scale has again been provided for prior to computation of the net figure of profit set forth for appropriation—namely, in respect of which you will observe that the sum of \$432,710.26 is debited in the Profit and Loss Account.

You will doubtless note with satisfaction that the charges incurred for Bank Interest last year only amounted to \$94,897.53. This is the lowest level reached in respect of this charge for many years past—a position rendered possible by the substantial decrease in the Company's mortgage indebtedness effected by the receipt in July last of the monies in respect of the issue of New Capital.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, I submit that with regard to items appearing on the Assets side, no comment is necessary. With reference to the contra side thereof, the figure of Issued Capital there appearing indicates the increase effected by the allotment of 100,000 New Shares during the year 1932.

TOC H AND Y'S MEN'S CLUB

Joint Meeting Of Two Institutions

A suggestion made some weeks ago by the Rev. Ronald Hall, Bishop of the Diocese, at a meeting of the newly formed "Toch H" Group, that the work which the Group is undertaking locally should become more widely known, resulted in a step being made in this direction when on Saturday evening a number of "Toch H" members met and dined with local members of the "Y's Men's" Club to exchange views on the good work being done by both institutions. The meeting took place at St. John's Hall, Bonham Road, the dinner provided being Chinese and very much enjoyed by all. After dinner those attending sat around to listen to interesting talks by the Bishop of Victoria, Dr. S. W. Poon and Mr. Chan, of the "Y's Men's" Club, and Messrs. Dunkley and Gould, "Toch H" members. The discourses and views exchanged were extremely illuminating and interesting, and, as one of guests stated afterwards, "it is a pleasure to realize that there are two such helpful institutions in our midst doing useful and necessary work for the good of the community."

"Toch H" locally is growing, and the good initial work put in by "Bobs" Ford and Harry Chapple, as well as the few who were members of the institution before the local group was formed, is reflected in the fact that regular weekly meetings are now held, and that a meeting place, or club room, in the centre of the town has been allotted to the movement by a kindly benefactor. The Rev. Ronald Hall is Chaplain to the local branch.

Mortgages.

Mortgage indebtedness, to which I have previously referred, amounted at the end of the year to \$1,095,970.48 only. It is satisfactory to note also that in comparison with the similar liability existing at the close of the previous financial year, a reduction of \$300,000.00 has been effected in the Company's indebtedness to Trade Creditors. I would further state that the Company's forward commitments have during the past year been very much reduced. Our forward commitments at this date stand at a figure representing the minimum level possible consistent with efficient operation of the Company's Establishments.

Garages and Bus Services.

The Garage Department has, in respect of its working during the past year, contributed profits to the General Accounts to an extent which, in view of the unfavourable times experienced, can be regarded with satisfaction. With reference to one of its main activities, namely, the operation of certain Bus Services, the favourable trend indicated in regard to certain operative costs at the commencement of the year did not continue. On the contrary, further increases in the price of gasoline (one of the heaviest prime cost factors of operation) were experienced. The buses on the Repulse Bay and University Routes carried traffic last year of the same volume as that obtaining during previous years, but traffic receipts dropped appreciably on the Queen's Road Route. The falling off in revenue on the last mentioned route is traceable to the heavy exodus during the Spring of last year of residents of districts tapped by this Service to localities situated off the Bus route, and to a considerable diminution in passenger traffic to and from the West Point district at night.

Offsetting, in a measure, the adverse points I have enumerated, an important saving in fuel costs has been effected in connection with the running of eight buses which (in regard to the fuel used by them) have, by the installation therein during the year of Crossley Diesel type engines, been enabled to run on oil fuel.

The vehicles comprising the Bus Fleet have been well maintained out of revenue, and, after provision for all applicable operative and overhead charges, the working of the bus routes resulted in a profit to the Company, but one of reduced amount when compared with that contributed in previous years.

Bus Tenders.

In view of the prominence the question of the Bus Services for Hong Kong and the Mainland has recently received, I feel that Shareholders will allow me a few minutes within which to present some particulars as to the basis upon which the Company submitted its tender to the Government for the licence to operate the Road Passenger Transport Services, as on and from the 11th June next, on which date the present period for the tender service between the Hongkong and Repulse Bay Hotels, terminate.

The Government Notification inviting tenders, issued in September last, contained, in the opinion of your Board of Directors, onerous

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St. Pauls Girl's College Annual Prize Giving

MRS. BORRETT'S INSPIRING SPEECH ON LOYALTY

TWO WELL-ACTED PLAYS

There was a very big gathering at St. Pauls Girl's College yesterday for the 18th anniversary celebrations and annual prize giving. Mrs. Borrett wife of the General Officer Commanding, presented the prizes and gave an excellent address on the subject of loyalty. She stressed the fact that the girls owed loyalty to those who had been loyal to them, their school teachers, and to the ideals which these teachers had tried to instil in them.

In a well told story she illustrated a factor that is often forgotten when loyalty is mentioned, that just as it takes two to make a quarrell, true loyalty cannot be given by one party alone.

A speech like Mrs. Borrett's will do far more to inspire the spirit of loyalty in the girls of St. Paul's College than any number of remarks about the duty which is owed to one's school. She showed them that loyalty and service are lovely and gracious, not a drab duty from which one escapes if one can.

Two well acted plays were given by the pupils one in Chinese, the other in English.

Among those present were Lady Pollock, the Bishop of Victoria, Mr. N. L. Smith, Director of Education, Mr. O. E. Brown Inspector of Schools, the Hon. Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Kotewall and Mrs. Alabaster.

HEADMISTRESS' REPORT

The proceedings opened with the school song sung in Chinese, after which followed the two plays both of which were very well acted, and a pretty dance by four of the pupils.

Mrs. Woo the headmistress read her report as follows.

Welcome to Mrs. Borrett, the Bishop and all the Guests.

Since St. Paul's Girl's College is the youngest of the Church Schools under the Bishop's care in this part of the Diocese we claim his special care and guidance and thank him very specially for his presence with us here to-day.

The outstanding event of the past year was the Thanksgiving Social held in March when His Excellency the Governor and Lady Peel honoured us with a visit. This Day marked an important milestone in our history seeing that it commemorated the fact that our School building was wholly cleared of debt—a cause of very great satisfaction to us all. For this we owe a deep debt of gratitude to Dr. Kotewall as Chairman of the Building Committee and we still further appreciate his service as Vice-Chairman of the College Council. A history of the 17 years work of the school has been prepared and is now ready for distribution and sale. I will confine my remarks solely to last year's report. In 1932 the highest number on the roll was 315—25 girls more than in the previous year. There were 28 boarders and most of them came from America, Japan, Singapore and China.

Changes on Staff.

Six of the Staff left us during the year. Mrs. To, Mr. Poon, Mrs. Le Brun, Miss Sittig, Miss Choy Wing Kow, and Miss Kwok Yik Ming. We are glad to welcome the following new members on to the Staff. Miss Wong Yuk Chan, Miss Hung Man Tsing, Miss Lo Wai Ching, Miss Li Tak Wah, Miss Tong Suk Yuen, Miss Eva Tom and Miss Kwok Sheung Man. To each member of the Staff, I should like to extend my warmest thanks for their support during the year. I should like especially to mention how greatly I have appreciated Miss Kotewall's work during the past year—Her splendid work has been honoured by the Council in appointing her vice-principal which entails the supervision of the studies of the College. The Report of the Inspector of Education has been more satisfactory this year—the school has pulled up again in the weaker subjects. Forty-eight girls graduated from the school this year. They are the last to graduate under the former system. Next year we follow the new requirements of the Government in Chinese in the Junior-Middle-School and in Senior Middle School we hope in time to raise the standard to Matriculation. A gold school pin is presented to each girl who has attended the school from Kindergarten to Senior Middle School. I am proud to announce that I have this year qualified as a teacher.

Sport.

The school lays great stress on Domestic Science and two classes of both Chinese and English cooking have been organised. We are proud to possess our own Swimming Pool in which hundreds of our girls have learned to swim—many of whom have won prizes in the Swimming Contests. I should like to

make special mention of an act of bravery by Chue San Kam. During one of our outings at Shatin a boat in which some of the girls were rowing was caught in a swift current—noticing their difficulty this girl swam a distance of about 100 yards out to them, got into the boat and brought it to shore. It is just such acts as these that justify the special privilege we feel in the possession of our Swimming Pool. The girls only started basket ball this year but have been fortunate in winning 6 out of 10 matches.

The religious life of the school has seen marked results—One hundred and two girls have made open profession of their willingness to follow Christ and have given their reasons for this openly before the school. Twelve were baptised and four confirmed last year. Extra to the regular school curriculum are the organisations of the M.C.L. Girl Guides, the Y.M.C.A., Wah Kwong Club, all of which act as stimulus to service. The M.C.L. Sale in October last opened by Mrs. Southern brought in \$3,250 part of the proceeds are used in supporting a Free School in Causeway Bay which has been undertaken by the school for the past 13 years. The Allunni Association which has a membership of 65 meets monthly—Some of these girls are at present taking a Teacher's Course in manual training. It is hoped under their auspices to open a Free Night School for adults. Under the joint planning of the Allunni and Wah Kwong Club an Observation Trip to Canton was organised—Forty three girls took advantage of it at a very small cost due to the kindness of Mr. Chow Cheung and Mr. Trevor manager of the Traffic Dept. of the C.K.R.

Thanks to Old Girls.

I wish to thank the old girls who so readily respond to any call for assistance in the school, especially Miss Doris Kotewall and Mrs. Ho Leung Sau Yung who have this year several times filled gaps as the Staff of the school.

The school has at its disposal 32 Scholarships and I should like specially to thank those who make this possible. Mrs. Proctor Reilly, Madam Whitney Hoff, Messrs. Lee Hysan, Lam Woo, Mok Koi Sung, Li Tse Fong, Fung Ping Shan, Knn Tak Choy, Mok Ching Kong, Tsang Yuk Tong, Joe Shooing, and Mrs. Wong Kut Yew.

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1. To those gaining highest marks on graduation from Primary to Junior Middle School.

Of those scholarship winners, 6 have passed on their advantage to some more needy pupil.

2. Scholarships for children of Church workers.

3. Scholarships openly competed for at the beginning of the year.

Finally may I add a word of thanks to all the Overseas Sisters through this past year. To Mrs. Raymond Smith who helped to produce the English play and Miss Kotewall the Chinese play. To Dr. Yip Tai Ching and Dr. Arthur Woo who have acted as honorary physicians to the school and have given free vaccination and medical examinations to the entire school. To a host of others too numerous to mention by name who have given generously of their time and advice.

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The Secretary,
HONG KONG CLUB,
Hong Kong.

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HONG KONG LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION.

THE Annual General Meeting of the above will be held in Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co.'s Board Room on Wednesday, March 22nd at 5.30 P.M.

All Lawn Bowlers are invited to attend.

C. J. TACCHI,
Hon. Secretary.

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THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 1, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 4th April, 1933, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 29th March, 1933, to Tuesday, the 4th April, 1933. Both Days inclusive, during which period NO Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
G. E. ELLMS,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 29th March, 1933.

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HONG KONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE Eighty-Ninth Yearly General Meeting of the Members of the Hong Kong Club will be held in the Club House on Friday, the 24th March, 1933 at 5.30 p.m.

By order,

T. A. ROBERTSON,
Lieut. Col.,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1933.

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Eighteenth Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 21st March, 1933, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1932.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Thursday, the 16th day of March to Wednesday, the 22nd day of March, 1933, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 9th March, 1933.

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NOTICE.

THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 27th MARCH, 1933, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1932.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 20th to the 27th March, 1933, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. OOCK,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1933.

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HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Provisional Certificate No. 37498, dated Hong Kong, 20th February, 1933, for four shares of this Bank numbered 137041/137044 inclusive registered in the name of LI-A-BO has been lost or stolen, and should this certificate not be produced to the Bank before 18th April, 1933, a new certificate for the shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Provisional Certificate No. 37498 will be thereupon void.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

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THURSDAY, March, 23rd, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
FRIDAY, March, 24th, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. LO CHEUNG SHU begs to announce that the marriage between his daughter CHENG KUN and Dr. K. W. CHAN will be solemnized at St. John's Cathedral on Wednesday, the 22nd March, 1933, at 3 p.m. and that a reception will be held at the Gloucester Restaurant at 4 p.m. No invitations are being issued, but all friends will be cordially welcome.

DEATHS.

CLARKE.—At Hankow on March 13, 1933, CYRIL B. CLARKE, aged 32 years. Manager of Hankow Branch, Messrs. Whitbread, Laidlaw and Co. Ltd.

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The Daily Press.

Hong Kong, March 21, 1933.

HARD TIMES IN THE FAR EAST

The British community in the Far East used to have a certain solidarity, from Singapore to the northernmost parts of China. Officials and business men moved from place to place, acquiring a wide knowledge of this part of the world and making a host of friends. Modern conditions have swept away old times and manners. In Hong Kong, we live increasingly to ourselves being neither very well informed about other places nor very interested in their welfare.

In Singapore, we all know, for example, conditions are bad, but exactly how bad is not realised. According to the Singapore Free Press a large number of Europeans, out of work through no fault of their own, are being supported by small grants from the European Unemployment Fund. The average amount given is \$20 per head per month, and in no case does the grant exceed \$100. "Whole families are living on this pittance amount and it is unthinkable that it should be reduced." Unfortunately the fund, despite help from the F.M.S. and S.S. Governments, is running at a loss of \$1,300 a month. On the figures given of the

slender resources of the fund, this means that in four or five months time the reserves in hand will be exhausted. Special efforts are being made to see that this does not happen. The fund is largely supported by members of the Clubs, both in Singapore and up-country, who agree to pay definite subscriptions in addition to their monthly bills. The method has proved very successful and it is hoped by this and other means to get the money thus needed from what our contemporary describes as "a rich community in spite of the slump." The \$3,000 a month is rightly described as "negligible to Malaya," but even if forthcoming it only secures a bare subsistence for a large number of European men, women and children. Money is badly needed, and we give the address, 12 Market Street, Kuala Lumpur, to which may be sent any subscriptions from Hong Kong people who have affiliations with Malaya, or who for one reason or another wish to support this appeal for help.

This is a matter not of sentiment, but of prestige, and of business. The British community in the East prides itself upon certain qualities of courage, honesty, kindness and generosity. What is Malaya's, and Shanghai's distress to-day may be Hong Kong's to-morrow. In these times of trouble, in many ways more trying than war itself, nothing is more important than to prove the qualities upon which we place our claim, not only to be traders in the East, but the friends of Eastern peoples. If we are not good friends to our own kind and kin, where will stand our protestations of good-will towards the foreign peoples among whom we live and earn our livelihood?

and native bishops of the Church for consultation, but will also confer with the bishops of the Church of England in China.

The tour will culminate at a formal dedication in Tokyo on May 27 of the new St. Luke's International "Medical" Centre, which the church, at a cost of \$5,000,000, has erected in the Japanese capital with the co-operation of the Japanese Emperor, prominent Japanese statesmen and an inter-denominational committee of Americans. Bishop Perry is accompanied by Mrs. Perry and by his sister, Mrs. James S. Russell, who was an official chaplain of the United States Embassy at Tokyo during the term of the former Ambassador, Mr. W. Cameron Forbes. (Continued on Previous Column)

ILL-TREATMENT OF A MUI TSAI

FINE OF \$250

Before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court yesterday Sub-Inspector H. W. Fraser, of the S.C.A., charged a married Shanghai woman, name Liu Sau Luen, aged 22, the wife of an import and export merchant, with keeping an unregistered mui-tai and with cruelty.

Defendant, pleaded guilty stating that she chastised the girl because she was always stealing money.

The Magistrate after examining the girl's face, which was alleged to have been burnt with a hot tongs said that he did not think there had been gross cruelty. On the charge of ill-treatment he imposed a fine of \$150, and fined the defendant \$100 for having an unregistered servant girl.

Complaint to S.C.A.

Sub-Inspector Fraser said that on March 18 information was lodged at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs to the effect that the girl was an unregistered mui-tai and had been ill-treated. The defendant came to Hong Kong from Amoy in September last year, accompanied by her husband and her five-year-old daughter. The girl was presented to her through two go-betweens for \$170. Since she had been with the defendant, the girl had to do practically all the housework, with the exception of cooking.

The girl alleged that on March 14 she was ordered to clean the floor. The work did not apparently satisfy the defendant who is alleged to have beat her with a split cane, striking her in the eye, the arm, left leg and causing a split between the head and the top of the left ear. The defendant then took her into the kitchen, where, it is alleged, she snatched a pair of tongs from the fire and applied it to the girl's left cheek. The girl also alleged that during her stay with the defendant she had been beaten many times, and to this another girl could testify. She was medically examined, but Dr. Dovey could not appear in Court this morning. The doctor's report was handed to his Worship.

Hot Water!

Inspector Fraser said that the Chinese lady inspector counted 15 cane marks on the girl's body.

When asked to explain a mark on the girl's face, alleged to have been caused by the hot tongs, the defendant said she was chasing her for stealing money and the injury was caused by the girl herself.

His Worship:—How did she cause it herself?

Defendant:—Hot water.

His Worship:—Hot water? Surely hot water does not leave a mark like that.

After examination of the girl's face, his Worship said:—I don't think that there is gross cruelty in this case actually. What bail is she on?

Inspector Fraser:—\$250, your Worship.

His Worship:—On the first charge fined \$100. On the second charge, \$150.

BISHOP PERRY COMING TO CHINA

HEAD OF EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN AMERICA

Honolulu, March 14.—Determined to obtain a first hand evaluation of evangelistic, educational and social service work in the Far East, the Rt. Reverend James De Wolf Perry, D.D., presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States, is en route to China and Japan, via the Philippines, after a visit here.

The tour made at request of the National Council of the Church, marks the first visit of a presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church to the Orient.

After visiting the Philippines and China, visiting Shanghai, Nanking and Hankow, Bishop Perry will arrive in Japan within a few weeks of the 90th anniversary of the landing there of his uncle, Commodore Matthew C. Perry, U.S.N., who entered the Port of Uraga on July 8, 1853, opening the empire to relations with the rest of the world.

Reduced Missionary Budget.

The activities Bishop Perry will study were recently brought under review in the report of the independent and voluntary Laymen's Foreign Missions Inquiry. Serious problems of finance, resulting in the Far Eastern mission field, will also receive Bishop Perry's attention, since the missionary budget for 1933 just adopted by the Episcopal Council, involving total reductions of approximately a million and a quarter dollars, necessarily affects work in foreign countries.

The tour is being made at Bishop Perry's own expense, without charge to the church. Bishop Perry will meet not only the American (Continued on Previous Column)

★ News and Views ★

Dublin's Statuary.

A member of St. Patrick's Society referring to the note in this column about statues in Dublin declares that the one to King William III "of blessed memory," has at last been blown up. "It was very ugly and ill-made." As to Queen Victoria's statue, it stays, and the irreverent call it Ireland's revenge. A glance at it is explanation enough.

New Iron Rations.

Further tests are now being made by the War Office, to discover the best form of tabloid emergency rations for the Army. Experiments have already been made with rations composed of such things as meat extracts and compressed fruits which would assist in the endeavours that are being made to lighten the total burden of the soldier's field equipment, but so far the War Office is not satisfied that the best iron ration has been devised. It is not only the Army which is awaiting with interest the result of the investigations. Should a new iron ration be adopted for it, the Air Force will most probably follow suit.

English Girl Tennis Hope.

Miss Sheila Hewitt, England's eighteen-year-old tennis star, who carried all before her in the Nice Club Tournament, won the championship final by a victory over the German champion, Fraulein Cilly Aussem, by 6-1, 6-3.

This is the second time that Miss Hewitt has played Fraulein Aussem, and beaten her. She played an exceptionally fine game. She had the match under control all the time, outclassing the German player in all points of the game.

She is the daughter of Rear-Admiral Hewitt, R.N. (retired), and came to the front in first-class tennis just a year ago in the same tournament.

Cilly Aussem was the Wimbledon champion of 1931, but she did not defend her title last summer because of ill-health.

Sheila Hewitt also beat her 6-2, 6-8, 8-6 in the final of the Carlton Club tournament at Cannes.

Local and General

Over the week-end five cases of small-pox, two of diphtheria and two of enteric were notified.

The P. and O. s.s. Chitral is due here from Singapore, with the English mails, on Thursday at 6 a.m.

St. Joseph's College will hold their annual athletic sports meet at Caroline Hill at 1 p.m. to-day.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed by Weihaiwei against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of small-pox.

The forty-eighth annual ordinary yearly meeting of Messrs. A.S. Watson and Co., Ltd. will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel at 11.30 a.m. to-day.

The Meeting of Shareholders of The Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Company Limited will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, March 29, 1933, at 11 o'clock a.m.

The annual distribution of prizes of St. Paul's Institution, French Convent School will be held in the School hall at 4.30 p.m. to-day. Mrs. A. R. Wellington has kindly consented to give away the prizes.

On account of the present national crisis, local Chinese bankers have decided not to send any delegate to the forthcoming World Economic Conference in Europe, according to Mr. K. H. Lin, chief secretary to the Chinese Bankers Association.

A meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Council will be held in the Association office at 5.30 p.m. to-day when the draw for the semi-finals of the Shield competition, and arrangements for finals of Sunday Herald Charity Cup will be made.

The Kiangnan Arsenal having been closed by the National Government, the Ministry of War is considering selling the site now occupied by the arsenal in order to raise funds for the ministry. The site of the arsenal occupied an area of approximately 1,000 mws and at present each mwa can be sold for at least \$6,000.

In accordance with the will of the late Rev. Arthur H. Smith, D.D., who died last autumn in Claremont, California, his body was cremated and the ashes brought back to China for burial in the cemetery at Tung-shien, Peking where he and Mrs. Smith lived during their last years in China and where the is

Fights for Films.

Mr. Harold Huth the film actor declares that during the past four years in film work he had broken or otherwise injured almost every bone in his body.

Mr. Huth, feels that he has had nearly enough of this kind of thing. It is almost impossible to "pull" a punch in a film fight," he told me, "and unless I can get my tame sparring partner cast for my opponent I should prefer to leave the fighting scenes to others now."

One of his most formidable opponents, he said, had been the late Peter Hanneen, son of Mr. Nicholas Hanneen, the actor, who died suddenly last year.

Film about the Prince.

It is not surprising that Gaumont-British Corporation are making a film about the life of the Prince of Wales. No man living has had a career closer packed with exciting incident and picturesque pageantry, set against backgrounds full of variety and colour in every part of the world.

The Prince, will supplement the news reels and official records with selections from 25,000ft. in his own private collection. Some of these films—notably those showing his adventures in East Africa—were taken by himself.

His Sporting Achievements.

When the record of the Prince's life since 1911 (the year of the Investiture at Carnarvon) is complete, it will run to some 6,000ft. and last for over an hour.

The public will see not merely records of official occasions, but vivid impressions of elephants charging straight at the Prince's camera, interesting native ceremonies, and the Prince steeple-chasing and playing golf with Archie Compton, the well-known professional.

The golfing scene was filmed a few weeks ago, with the Prince's consent, specially for the production. The producers hope that there will be an epilogue spoken by the Prince.

The proceeds from exhibition of the film will go to some charity that his Royal Highness will select.

SUMMARY OF NEWS

Local.

Sentence of three years' hard labour was passed by Mr. Justice Wood yesterday at the Criminal Sessions on Haw Wan Shing, who was convicted on a charge of assault with intent to rob at a village near Castle Peak.

Kowloon Supplement.

A fine of \$250 was imposed on a Shanghai woman who was convicted yesterday by Mr. Schofield yesterday of a charge of keeping an unregistered mui-tai and with cruelty to the girl.

Two men who were convicted of theft of property from the Dairy Farm were bound over by Mr. Batters at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court. One of the men had been with the company for ten years.

Kowloon Supplement.

Sentence of seven years' hard labour was passed by Mr. Justice Wood at the Criminal Session yesterday on a Chinese convicted of manufacturing ten-cent pieces.

Page 1.

The Annual Prize Distribution of the Holy Spirit School took place last night at St. Patrick's Hall. The Headmistress' report showed a very successful year.

Page 2.

At the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd. annual meeting yesterday, Mr. J. Scott Harston referring to the tenders for bus services asked for by the Government said:

"The Government notification inviting tenders for the bus services contained, in the opinion of your Board of Directors, onerous and stringent conditions, and, moreover, embodied no guarantee relative to the future imposition of further taxation."

A difficult year and a decrease of six lakhs in revenue was reported. Dividends of 40 cents on the "old" shares and 30 cents in "new" shares were declared. Appear on Page 7 and 11.

General.

In the House of Commons, Capt. A. Eden stated that the Anglo-Soviet commercial negotiations had been suspended.

Zangara, Mayor Cermak's assassin was electrocuted yesterday.

The trial of Lieut. Norman Ballie-Stewart opened at Chelsea Barracks yesterday.

The callover for the Lincolnshire Handicap is on.

As a result of his visit to Rome, Mr. R. MacDonald is convinced that a general European agreement is practicable.

Far East.

It is reported that Wang Ching Wei has agreed to resume the Presidency of the Executive Yuan.

Chinese troops have safely been withdrawn from Jehol to Kuyuan.

It is rumoured that an anti-Dumping tax is to be levied in China.

The second shipment of art treasures from the Peiping Museum is expected in Shanghai shortly.

It is reported that Japanese troops have crossed the Great Wall into China Proper.

from the files.

LOOKING BACK 75 YEARS.

Dear Sir,—You are noted for pointing out mistakes, in that would-be considered model of correctness and original information the Mail. Let me indicate one or two in the account of the ceremony of distributing the Victoria Crosses. First, the reading of the order by the Lords Commissioners preceded, not followed, Sir Michael Seymour's address. There was only one band, and that played the two tunes stated in the Friend of China. As the account has been concocted on materials supplied by your contemporaries, it is only right such little discrepancies should be pointed out.—Yours faithfully, "An eye witness of the ceremony," Hong Kong Daily Press, March 21, 1958.

LOOKING BACK 50 YEARS.

Now that the opium farm is in the hands of the Government, the work of rooting out the unlicensed opium dealers seems to be receiving a fresh infusion of energy, as cases have lately been brought before the Police Court in large numbers. Yesterday there were two cases, but in one the law affecting the bringing of prepared opium into the Colony from other places, appeared to work rather hardly.—Hong Kong Daily Press, March 21, 1933.

Looking Back 25 Years.

The political question which has just been settled between China and Japan, arising out of the seizure of the "Pater Mar" has stirred some feeling between the two peoples. As it is already known that there is a boycott of Japanese productions, and it is not surprising that the feeling behind such a suggestion is found among some Chinese in Hong Kong. Of course there is little more than talk, as no overt act tending to a boycott would be tolerated by the Colonial Government, but there have been several (Continued on Previous Column)

ANGLO-ITALIAN DISCUSSIONS

FRANCO-GERMAN AGREEMENT ESSENTIAL FOR PEACE IN EUROPE

Mr. R. MacDonald Certain Peace
Can Be Maintained

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

ROME, March 20. MR. R. MACDONALD in a Press interview, requested that nothing should be added or inferred from last night's communiqué. He said the discussions with Sig. Mussolini were principally of an informative character, touching on the European situation and problems. They had agreed to continue collaborations in order to find an acceptable solution and assure European peace for at least a generation.

He concluded: "I feel the spiritual change which has come over Rome."

The Anglo-Italian similarity of views was a feature in all the conversations, and, while the project is considered essentially Sig. Mussolini's plan as envisaged in his Turin speech, last October, it closely approximates the British point of view.

The "No force" agreement mentioned in the communiqué refers to the Five Power Agreement of December 12, 1932, which recalled Germany to the disarmament conference.

EUROPEAN AGREEMENT PRACTICABLE

ROME, March 20. As a result of his visit to Geneva and Rome, Mr. R. MacDonald is convinced that a general European agreement is practicable.

When interviewed by Reuters, on his departure to Paris, the premier asserted the situation was in no way all danger, but it was necessary to take the practical opportunities offered and "not to soar into clouds and sit on wet cushions." It was most essential, inter alia, to get an agreement between France and Germany.

Mr. MacDonald said the reports that a pact had actually been concluded was "sheer rubbish."

Utmost Reserve Being Maintained.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

ROME, March 19. The utmost reserve is being maintained in Anglo-Italian quarters with regard to the exact meaning of the joint communiqué issued last night in connection with the conversations between Signor Mussolini, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Sir John Simon.

The communiqué states that the Ministers, after discussing the general situation last night and yesterday afternoon, examined a project for an understanding on larger political questions, which was initiated by Signor Mussolini.

Aims At Peace

The object of this suggestion was the securing of collaboration between four Western Powers—Britain, Italy, France and Germany—in an effort to promote, in the spirit of the Kellogg Pact, and without the use of force, the declaration of a long period of peace for Europe and the world.

The British Ministers are leaving for London to-morrow, breaking their journey in Paris.

Although there is some doubt regarding the exact meaning of the communiqué, it is understood that the text of Signor Mussolini's project, mentioned therein, aiming at a Four-Power understanding, has already been submitted to the French and German Ambassadors.

Mutual Four-Power consultations, through the medium of the respective Chancelleries, will be conducted under the terms of the project, with a view to solving major questions causing friction in Europe at any time they become acute.

Only Method of Approach. It is emphasised that the project is simply a method of approach, and does not contain any concrete settlement for such questions. Treaty revision is taking a large place in the discussions in which the disarmament proposals have hardly yet arisen.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Sir John Simon had an audience with His Holiness the Pope to-day, lasting thirty-five minutes.

THE COMMUNISTS IN SZECHUEN

Reds Reported To Be
Making Progress

Chengtu, Sze. March 1.—The sunshine of spring is with us and is having a quietening effect on military leaders at least about the capital here. They have decided to permit the opening of the Spring Fair which is a good omen. The merchants are already building up bamboo tents at the old Temple of the Green Goat where the fair has been held for many centuries. In fact the first fair was started there more than 2,000 years ago according to Chengtu history.

General Hsiang Yen Jen who undertook the command of the City Defence Force has resigned and gone to his home in Jenchow. Apparently he was "dissatisfied with the amount of co-operation given by the various armies concerned and resigned as a protest. The force is being commanded in the interim by officers representing the three armies with the hope that General Hsiang may be induced to return. Conditions in the city are quiet and except for the phenomenal rise in exchange on cheques to Shanghai business is proceeding quite satisfactorily. The exchange is now thirty per cent., that is it costs \$130 to send \$100 to Shanghai.

The Communist Menace

The Communist threat in the northern part of the province shows no sign of letting up. The tension is easier at Paoting. Earlier telegrams telling of an impending attack on Paoting and the feeling of unrest in that city with a desire of the part of many citizens to yield has given place to a feeling of renewed confidence. As the refugees from places invested by the Communists poured into Paoting with their tales of woe it had the effect of dampening the spirit of sympathy with the Communists. Many reports have been received here about places being recaptured from the Communists by Government forces, but we are sorry to say this cannot be corroborated. As far as we can learn Tungkiang, Pachow, Nanking and Kwang are still in the hands of the Reds. A late message from competent authorities in the O.M.S. state that Pachow was looted, mission buildings destroyed, and the Reds are occupying the O.M.S. Ladies' House, as their headquarters. Even large numbers of Chinese have left Paoting and Nanpu and gone to Shunking. The lady missionaries have been evacuated while Chinese pastors and men missionaries carry on.

N.O.D.N.

duty stating that it would be called for by the chauffeur shortly. Active search is now being made everywhere by both police and military in an endeavour to trace the perpetrators of this outrage. Central China Post.

BRITISH OFFICER IN COURT

FACING ALLEGED SERIOUS
CHARGES

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 20. AMID great public interest the trial of Lieut. Norman Bailie-Stewart, a Scottish Highlander, who has been imprisoned in the Tower of London for two months, opened at Chelsea Barracks to-day under the Official Secrets Act. The Court being presided over by Major General W. J. Dugan.

It is learnt that ten charges are preferred in the first of which it is alleged that in Berlin in August of last year the prisoner, in association with a German, Otto Walde-maar Oist, made a note of matters relating to the organisation of tanks, an automatic rifle, etc., preparatory to obtaining information which might be useful to an enemy and prejudicial to the interests of the State.

"BLOODY GROUP" MURDER IN HANKOW

N.K.K. Compradore
Taken "For A Ride"

Hankow, March 7. Judging by such details as are at present available it would appear that Shanghai methods are being copied in Hankow, for on Saturday evening last Mr. Yang Tse Chiang local compradore of the N.K.K. was "taken for a ride" and shot dead in the vicinity of the Cantonese Hospital on the outskirts of the native city. As far as can be learned from inquiries so far, demands were made by the "Bloody Group" that Mr. Yang should (1) leave the service of the N.K.K. (2) supply the society with a full list of the cargoes imported in the vessels of this firm.

Mr. Yang responded to neither demand, and on Saturday evening, while at the Shin Kee Club in Ting Yu Li off Hunan Rd. S.A.D. 3, a deputation of six persons called upon him there. Two remained outside the club premises, two remained in the hall of the club, while the other two demanded an interview in which they informed Mr. Yang that they had been sent by the garrison commander to invite him to garrison headquarters regarding some business.

Victim Unsuspecting. Mr. Yang unsuspectingly accompanied them to his own car in to which he, accompanied by all the six men entered. The wheel, however was taken from the chauffeur by one of the six.

Mr. Yang, according to the chauffeur's story suspected nothing until after the car had passed the Gendarmie headquarters at Liu's garden without stopping and was proceeding with increased speed towards the Cantonese Hospital. Even then the chauffeur states that neither he nor his master felt any great alarm as there was no sign of a gun and no appearance of intended violence.

The First Alarm. Shortly after, however, when the car had reached the rear of the hospital the car slowed down and halted. On inquiring the reason both chauffeur and master were ordered to dismount. At the point of the pistol both were ordered to proceed on foot, an order which they obeyed.

Only a few yards were covered when the chauffeur was ordered to stand aside and told that if he attempted to raise an alarm he would be shot immediately. Shortly after this Mr. Yang was shot through the head and left dead on the spot. Only one old man living in the vicinity seemed to have been alarmed by the shots, and he on rushing towards the spot was ordered back to his hut by the murderers also on pain of death.

Ordered to Walk

Immediately after it was ascertained that Mr. Yang was dead, the chauffeur was ordered to walk home, and informed that he would find the car abandoned later in the native city. The six then entered the car and drove off leaving the chauffeur to make the best of his way back to the club where he later arrived and reported to some friends of Mr. Yang the death of his master and all that had transpired.

Car Found

Immediate steps were taken to get into touch with the police authorities who were quickly on the spot. A squad of S.A.D. No. 3 detectives immediately placed a watch on all vehicles and issued orders for a search for the missing car. There was no difficulty in finding this as the murderers had had the effrontery to drive it to within a short distance of the Ning-po Guild and there hand it over to the care of a policeman on point. (Continued on previous column.)

JAPANESE CROSS GREAT WALL

CHINESE SUFFER MANY
CASUALTIES

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

TOKYO, March 20. AFTER repeated indications of the probability of such a step, Japanese troops are reported to have crossed the Great Wall into China Proper.

No official intimation has been received to this effect, but a Japanese detachment on Saturday crossed the Wall for the purpose of relieving the pressure caused by Chinese attacks.

The detachment is said to have occupied Sahochiao, fourteen kilometres to the southwest of Hsifengkov.

Heavy fighting occurred before the Great Wall was crossed, and it is claimed that the Chinese casualties were heavy.

MEDICAL UNITS FOR WOUNDED SOLDIERS

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

PEIPING, March 19. Mr. Heng Liu, Director of the Health Administration, declares that now twelve medical relief units are working in North China, attending to the Chinese soldiers wounded in the recent fighting. Mr. Liu declares that between 7,000 and 8,000 troops are wounded, of which number 3,000 men being in Peiping, 2,000 at Tungchow and more than 3,000 in other places between Hsifengkov and Dolonor.

CHINESE TROOPS WITH- DRAWN FROM JEHOI

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

NANKING, March 19. Chinese reports state that General Sun Tien Ying's troops have been safely withdrawn from Jehoi to Kuyuan, east of Changhai, where he is reorganising them.

ATTEMPT ON CHANG'S LIFE

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 20. This evening a bomb was thrown into Chang Hsueh Liang's residence in the French Concession. There were no casualties, but the explosion damaged the kitchen. The ex-Marshal received a letter a few days ago threatening bombing if he did not contribute a third of his fortune to the country for resistance against the Japanese invasion.

ACUTE DISTRESS IN MALAYA

Appeal For Unemployed
Europeans

DANGER OF "UTTER- DESTITUTION"

Singapore.—Unless further support is forthcoming from the European population, monthly grants to unemployed Europeans will have to be reduced by at least 40 per cent. There are whole families living on grants from the European Unemployment Fund and as the monthly relief granted in any case never exceeds \$100 any cut in relief will reduce the recipients to practical destitution.

Monthly allowances in February amounted to \$5,347, while donations and subscriptions totalled \$3,274.98. Other relief apart from repatriations cost the fund \$847, so altogether expenditure exceeded income in February by about \$3,000.

The committee of the European Unemployment Fund has been considering the financial commitments of the fund for the current year and a comparison of such commitments with the likely revenue shows an estimated monthly deficiency of \$2,300, excluding cost of repatriation and casual relief. At this rate the surplus cash in hand will be exhausted within 4 or 5 months.

Income and Expenditure. The following is a statement of the fund's income and expenditure from its inception to December 31, 1932.

Income : Grants by F.M.S. and S.S. Governments \$116,825.52. Private subscriptions including Associations \$108,319.93. total \$225,145.45.

Expenditure : Grants, passages, etc. \$237,137.27. General Expenses \$5,704.30. Balance in Hand \$19,303.31. total \$258,144.88.

Applications registered to date number 594, of whom 240 have been struck off, 228 repatriated, 126 by the committee's employers or by the committee's employers in temporary employment. At the present time there are in receipt of monthly relief 100 persons, as well as 200 dependants of those persons, including 108 children under the age of 16.

The cost of this relief amounts to \$6,134, monthly, or an average of \$20, per head per person, including dependants. These cases have been most carefully considered by the local committee and repatriated. (Continued on next column.)

WANG CHING WEI AT NANKING

URGES RESISTANCE TO
JAPANESE

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

NANKING, March 20. ACCOMPANIED by Mr. T. V. Soong, Mr. Chon Kung Po and other high officials of the National Government, Mr. Wang Ching Wei, who recently returned to China from his visit to Europe, arrived back in the capital this morning. The President of the Executive Yuan had been away from Nanking for over three months and his return had been hastened by the grave situation in North China.

Mr. Wang arrived from Shanghai by a special train. After taking a brief rest in his residence, he motored to the Central Kuomintang Headquarters where he attended the Weekly Memorial Service.

Addressing the Memorial meeting, Mr. Wang briefly reviewed the situation in North China and urged that the Chinese Government and the whole nation must be determined to resist the Japanese aggression and concentrate upon making necessary preparations therefor. Continued resistance is the only hope for China, Mr. Wang declared.

Mr. Wang has not yet decided when to leave for North China, although he has signified his intention to proceed to Paotingfu to confer with General Chiang Kai Shek.

WANG CHING WEI GOING TO PAOTING

SHANGHAI, March 19. It is reported that Mr. T. V. Soong, Mr. Wang Ching Wei, Ku Meng Yu, Chen Kun Po, Chu Min Yi and others are leaving for Nanking to-night. Although Mr. Wang Ching Wei still declines to resume the post of President of the Executive Yuan, Mr. T. V. Soong is equally insistent to relinquish it in order to concentrate his attention to financial affairs. Mr. Wang Ching Wei promised to consider the matter after arriving in Nanking.

It is learned that Mr. Wang Ching Wei is going by air to Paoting after a brief stay in Nanking, to meet General Chiang Kai Shek. Other reports say that Mr. Wang Ching Wei is leaving to-morrow morning (Monday) by train with Mr. T. V. Soong, while other members of the Cabinet are leaving to-night.

WANG CHING WEI AGREES TO RESUME POST

SHANGHAI, March 19. It has been confirmed that Mr. Wang Ching Wei and Mr. T. V. Soong are leaving for Nanking to-night.

It is reliably reported that Mr. Wang Ching Wei has agreed to resume the Presidency of the Executive Yuan.

IN HONG KONG TO-DAY

CLOUDY, SOME FOG
OR MIST

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER REPORT, FORECAST AND REMARKS, ISSUED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AT 5.05 P.M., STATED:—

PRESSURE REMAINS HIGHEST IN THE PACIFIC TO THE EAST OF THE BONINS AND RELATIVELY LOW OVER CHINA. THE DEPRESSION HAS MOVED INTO THE SEA OF JAPAN.

LOCAL FORECAST:—E. and S.E. WINDS, MODERATE; CLOUDY, SOME FOG OR MIST.

tions have been carried practically to finality. It will be understood that certain cases are impossible of repatriation and anyway it is the considered opinion of the committee that Malaya must shoulder the burden of the cost of its own unemployment, whether due to slump or to physical or mental disability states an appeal issued by the committee.

Help from Clubs

In order to maintain the proper working of the fund, additional income is essential, and the committee considers that the most equitable, as well as easiest way of ensuring a regular revenue is through the medium of the various European clubs in this country. The monthly revenue from such clubs during the last 6 months is as under:—

July \$3,722.67
August 3,777.10
September 2,318.00
October 2,873.53
November 1,631.04
December 1,648.00

Relief must continue utter destitution and degradation amongst those unfortunates cannot be permitted by those of the community who are more fortunately placed. Appeals for this fund have been most generously responded to in the past, and this appeal should receive similar recognition," states the committee. Singapore Free Press.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE CALLOVER

ALLUVIAL FAVOURITE

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 20. The following is the latest call-over for the Lincolnshire Handicap:

100/11	Alluvial o. 19/2 t.
100/8	Solenoid o. 13/1 t.
100/6	Glaannary t. and o.
18/1	Young Native t. and o.
20/1	Cloghnan t. and o.
20/1	Wraxhall t. and o.
20/1	Doragon o.
22/1	Heaven Sent t. and o.
25/1	Linkboy t. and o.
25/1	Tomtitt o.
25/1	Arnoya o.
25/1	Knightterror o. 28/1 t.
28/1	Hatguard o. 33/1 b.
28/1	Totaleg.
28/1	Labessassine.
33/1	Winstor o.
33/1	Inverman o.
33/1	Sorrento o. 40/1 t.
40/1	Shipbourne.
40/1	Trinidad.
40/1	Social Event.
66/1	Holmwood o.

INDOOR LAWN TENNIS

MANGIN WINS AMERICAN
TITLE

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

NEW YORK, March 19. GREGORY MANGIN, holder, won the American national indoor tennis championship, defeating Sutter in the final by three sets to two.

Mangin won the first set with ease, Sutter capturing but one game, whilst the champion went further ahead by taking the second set at 6-3.

Sutter staged a remarkable recovery to win the next two sets at 6-2, 6-3, but the effort proved too severe a strain for him and he fell before Mangin's concentrated attack in the fifth set, losing it at 6-2.

BOXING

BANTAMWEIGHT
CHAMPION

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

MILAN, March 19. MEETING for the world's bantam-weight boxing championship, Al Brown retained the title when he beat Bernarconi, the Italian and European champion, on points.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON PRICES

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, March 20. FOLLOWING ARE THE SILVER QUOTATIONS ON THE LONDON MARKET TO-DAY:—

	Mar. 20	Mar. 16
Spot	17 1/2	17 1/2
FORWARD	17 5/16	17 7/16

PEIPING MUSEUM TREASURES

SECOND SHIPMENT EXPECTED
IN SHANGHAI

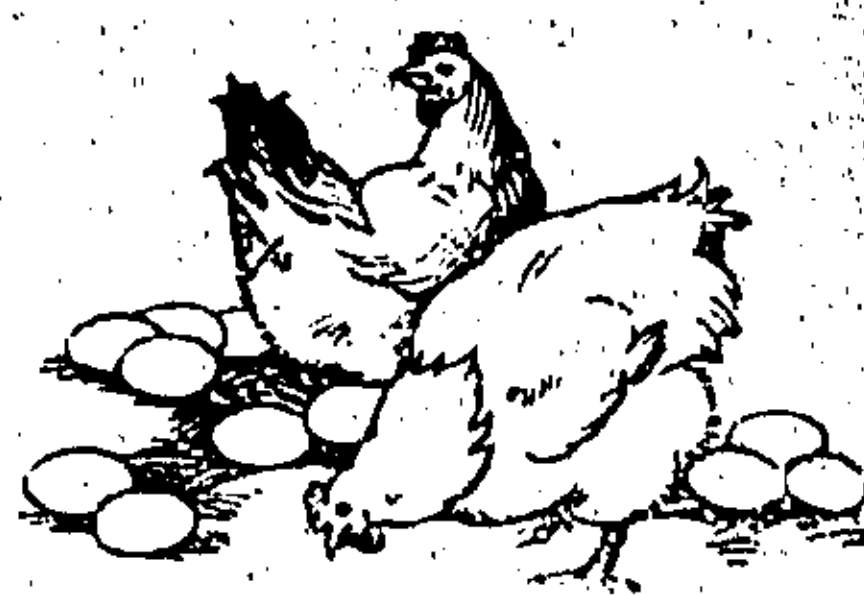
[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

NANKING, March 19. The second shipment of art treasures from Peiping, which arrived in Pukow yesterday evening, is being loaded on the China Merchants steamer Kweli, which is expected to sail for Shanghai to-morrow morning (Monday).

ANTI-DUMPING TAX TO BE
LEVIED

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

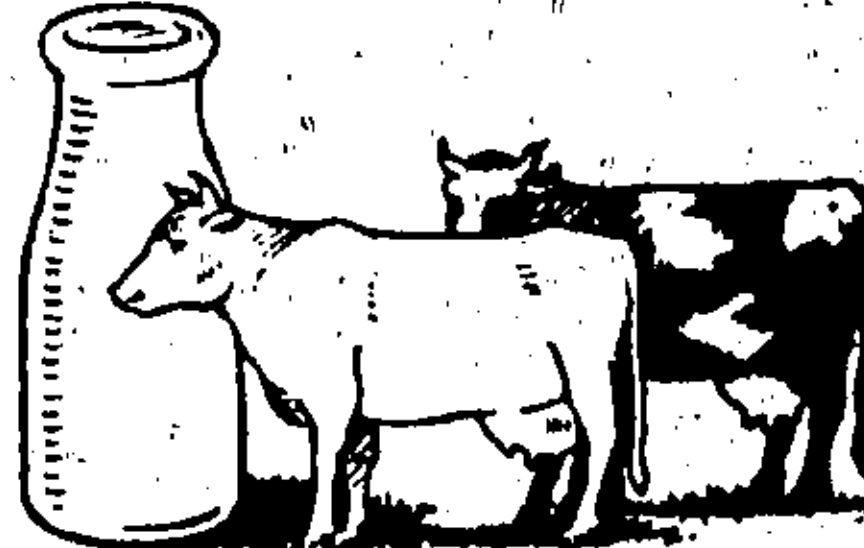
SHANGHAI, March 20. It is learned that in view of the fact that the Chinese merchants are finding it extremely difficult to compete with many imported foreign commodities, a Dumping tax Supervision Committee has been formed in Nanking as a prelude to the levying of an Anti-Dumping tax. The dumping of foreign goods is stated to have driven many of the Chinese products out of the market and has led to the suspension of a number of Chinese factories.



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ANGLO-SOVIET RELATIONS

COMMERCIAL NEGOTIA-
TIONS SUSPENDED

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 20. IN the House of Commons, Capt. A. Eden, Foreign Under-Secretary, announced that the Anglo-Soviet commercial negotiations had been suspended "as they can serve no useful purpose" at present.

MAYOR CERMAK'S ASSASSIN

ELECTROCUTED AT RAIL-
FORD YESTERDAY

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

RAILROAD, Florida, Mar. 20. ZANGARA was electrocuted to-day for the murder of Mayor Cermak of Chicago.

H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT

WILD BEATS HAZELL IN REPLAY.

NEWELL ENTERS FINAL OF "A" HANDICAP

(BY SALADIN)

In the replay between R. H. Wild and Denis H. Hazell in the semi-final of the Club Championship, the former emerged successful by 3 sets to 1, the scores in his favour being 1-6, 12-11, 6-4, and 6-2. He thus enters the final to meet Capt. Cannon.

In the Handicap Singles "A", R. P. Newell qualified for the final at the expense of Armstrong by the odd set. The winner now meets H. Owen Hughes.

Semi-final—R. H. Wild beat Denis H. Hazell 1-6, 13-11, 6-4, 6-2. Semi-final—R. P. Newell beat H. J. Armstrong 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Wood and McBride beat Traill and Johnson 6-3, 6-1. Brunner and Morhans beat Mousley and Walker 7-5, 5-7, 6-3. Cannon and Bryan beat Evans and Martin 6-2, 6-2.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Open Singles.

Final—S. A. Runjahn v. J. A. Cassimboy.

Handicap Singles "B."

Final—Bishop v. Mousley.

Mixed Doubles.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan v. Ride and Mrs. Whitham.

CRICKET

CLUB TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

The following teams will represent the H.K.C.C. in their matches on Saturday March 25 as follows:—1st XI v. The Army at Sookumpoo.—A. W. Hayward (Capt.), E. J. R. Mitchell, A. C. Beck, J. R. Bergne-Coupland, E. R. Duckitt, G. S. Dunkley, H. Owen Hughes, T. A. Pearce, J. E. Richardson, J. P. Whitham, R. M. Wood. 2nd XI v. K.C.C. 2nd XI at H.K.C.C.—C. E. Gahan (Capt.), A. K. Mackenzie, H. J. Armstrong, P. E. Baskett, C. W. E. Bishop, F. A. M. Elliott, L. D. Kilbee, H. J. D. Lowe, A. D. Lawson, C. H. Meekie, J. E. Potter.

HOCKEY

CLUB TEAM v. ROYAL NAVY.

"The following team has been selected to represent the 1st XI of The Hong Kong Hockey Club against the Royal Navy in the Triangular Tournament on Wednesday next at 5 p.m. on the U.S.R.C. Ground:—C. L. Gregory, J. Rodger, E. V. Reed, W. A. Reed, H. J. D. Lowe, J. L. Tetley, H. Owen-Hughes, W. E. Williams, G. E. R. Divett, A. T. Lay, C. C. Francis.

GOLF

BOGEY POOL (OLD COURSE)

Fantling, March 18 and 19. H. N. Williamson (17) 4 up wins other scores.

N. J. Perrin (18), L. G. S. Dodwell (8) and R. Young (3): 3 up. There were 34 entries.

JUNIOR SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

The winners of the second round are as follows, and they play in the third round by pairs in order stated—last day for playing on March 26. A. Brookbank, W. H. Edmunds, H. Clark, J. J. King, A. E. Charman, L. J. Buller, J. P. A. Davis, and A. E. Clarke.

VARSITY SPORTS

FINALS ON SATURDAY

The Hong Kong University Annual Athletic Sports will be held on Saturday, March 26, at 1.30 p.m. at the Varsity Pavilion, Pokfulam Road.

Last Saturday, several heats were run. In 220 yds. low hurdles, A. T. Lee, S. H. Lee, K. S. Cheng, H. T. Woo, W. Heng and V. Grunberg were successful and will compete in the final. The Javelin Final and 10,000 metres final were also held. In the former, A. T. Lee was first with a record-breaking throw of 130 feet 7½ inches. E. L. Gosano was second. In the 10,000 metres, S. Y. Cheng of Ehot Hall took first place in 46 minutes and 31 seconds; Y. W. Yeung and W. Y. Lee were second and third respectively.

VICTORIAN DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The Victoria Diocesan Conference is being held at the Cathedral Hall at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

The full programme for the occasion is as follows:—

7.45 a.m.—Holy Communion in the Cathedral.

5 p.m.—Evangelism with Address by the Bishop.

5.30 to 7 p.m.—Conference.

1. Roll Call.

2. Business:

(a) Elect Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor.

(b) Receive Annual Report of Executive Council.

(c) Receive Annual Report of Church of England Trustees.

(d) Receive Report on Financial Situation of Christ Church, Sharncliffe.

(e) Adopt Budget for 1933.

3. Discussion on "Church Extension in Kowloon Tong and Happy Valley" introduced by the Bishop.

HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

(Continued from Page 7.)

and stringent conditions, and moreover embodied no guarantee relative to the future imposition of further taxation. After full consideration of the matter, your Directors decided that the only basis upon which tenders should be submitted from this Company was one which provided for the operation of the Bus Services by a separate subsidiary Company. It was considered highly imprudent to undertake the risk of placing the Hotel Company's Assets in jeopardy, or to minimise its future profits, by merging the Hotels' trading with the business of motor bus transportation on so large a scale as would have been involved in the event of our tenders being accepted. Three tenders were submitted, one for the Whole Colony one for the Island of Hong Kong, and one for the Whole of the Kowloon Peninsula. The tenders were similar in every respect, and provided for the operation of the requisite Road Passenger Transport by a subsidiary Company to be incorporated and controlled by this Company. In the latter connection, the Hotel Company undertook to retain during the period of the licence not less than 51 per cent. of the Paid Up Capital of the organisation proposed to be incorporated. The consideration tendered to Government for the licence was in short the following:—

Firstly, a Royalty of 5 per cent. on the gross receipts of the Services tendered for. Secondly, additional Royalties calculated on the gross receipts from such services, but governed by such percentages as will be the annual net profits should show by way of return upon the Paid Up Capital employed in the undertaking. Stipulations for calculation of the additional Royalties provide for a sliding scale in graduated stages of 5 per cent. in respect of profits in excess of a 10 per cent. return on the Paid Up Capital. For example, in respect of annual profits exceeding 10 per cent. up to and including 15 per cent. on the Paid Up Capital, a further 5 per cent. on the gross receipts from services during that year would have become payable to the Government, and so on up to a limit of a 20 per cent. Royalty to the Government on the Paid Up Capital. Profits in excess of the last mentioned percentages were to be devoted entirely to a reduction of fares and charges.

In the light of the Company's experience of operating Bus Services on the Island during the past five years, particularly bearing in mind the possibilities in connection with increased taxation, your Board considered the terms tendered represented the limit to which this Company could be committed. Even so, such terms were formulated with the conviction that thereunder a return on the Capital employed could not be anticipated until conversion of vehicles from "petrol" to "grude oil" type engines had been effected, and that, in consequence, the expectation of profits over the first two years of operation under the licence must be viewed as highly improbable.

As you are aware, the Company were unsuccessful tenderers, and we are at the present time conducting negotiations regarding the acquisition of our vehicles, etc. by the successful tenderers.

Conduct of Bus Services.

With reference to the conduct by the Company of its Bus Services, comment has recently reached it regarding the scale of remuneration paid to its drivers—such comment carrying the inference that the scale is on the high side. In answer thereto, I would say that we have always considered it essential that the drivers employed on the vehicles operating on our bus routes, particularly on the Queen's Road Route, should be experienced and capable. They have been specially selected, have had a lengthy experience of handling heavy vehicles in crowded traffic, and we feel that the infrequency of accidents in which the Company's vehicles have been concerned on the extensive services operating in densely crowded thoroughfares, justifies, from the point of view of public safety, the policy we have adopted in that respect.

Trade Prospects.

Shareholders may expect to hear from me some indication as to trading prospects for the current year. Upon this matter I can inform you that, up to date, a steady business has been maintained at all Establishments, with an upward tendency in respect of the Hotels in Shanghai. Nevertheless, I must point out that, until such time as the cities in which our activities are centred again become the venue of transient tourists in appreciable numbers, profits on a high scale cannot be anticipated. The Company is in a stronger financial position to-day than it has been for a good number of years. The existence of increased competition must, however, not be lost sight of.

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KOWLOON MARATHON RACE

Pte. H. Smith Wins

ONLY ONE FAILED TO COMPLETE COURSE

The annual Kowloon Marathon race organised by the committee of St. Andrew's Club was held yesterday. Forty-three runners faced the starter, and, with the exception of one, all completed the course which was calculated at about six miles. Pte. H. Smith of the Lincolns won the event in the good time of 34 minutes 35 seconds, compared to 33 minutes 58 seconds last year which was made by Pte. Palmer, who did not compete this year. Pte. Jones-Rogers who was second last year and who breasted the tape in a dead heat for first place in 1931 was second, his time being 25 seconds slower than that of the winner. The third place was taken by A. B. Murphy, of H.M.S. Bridgewater who came fourth last year.

These three ran neck to neck for the bigger part of the race, and it was not till Chatham Road was reached on the way home, that Smith made great spurt to get rid of the other two, and finished strongly with a lead of about forty yards. About thirty yards separated the second and third.

Private Farmer, who was the only one to fail in finishing the course, had rather hard luck indeed. Said to be the best long-distance runner in the Lincolnshire Regiment, he was expected to win the event, and was actually leading and running strongly till half way when he twisted his ankle. He pluckily tried to continue, however, but on the advice of Colonel de Boys, he wisely gave it up.

At the conclusion of the race, Mrs. B. Wylie presented the prizes.

The runners finished in the following order:—Pte. H. Smith (Lincolns); Pte. Jones-Rogers (S.W.B.); A. B. Murphy (H.M.S. Bridgewater); L/C. F. Andrews (S.W.B.); Pte. F. Fido (S.W.B.); Pte. R. Cross (S.W.B.); Pte. A. Murray (S.W.B.); Pte. S. Hill (S.W.B.); C.Q.M.S. Hyde (S.W.B.); Pte. Barry (S.W.B.); Pte. O. Lippitt (S.W.B.); Pte. Reeson (Lincolns); Pte. Westernman (Lincolns); Pte. F. Windsor (S.W.B.); Pte. Hemmings (S.W.B.); Lieut. Collins (H.M.S. Rainbow); Pte. 37 Jones (S.W.B.); Pte. M. Phillips (S.W.B.); Pte. Lancaster (Lincolns); Pte. Wright (Lincolns); Pte. 19 Davies (S.W.B.); Pte. Harris (Lincolns); Pte. J. Watkins (S.W.B.); Stoker Shimmin (H.M.S. Bridgewater); Stoker Wood (H.M.S. Rainbow); L/C. Oseroff (Lincolns); Pte. Tuffnell (Lincolns); Pte. Marsh (Lincolns); Pte. Nicholls (S.W.B.); Pte. Allen (Lincolns); Pte. Johnson (Lincolns); L/C. F. Penticost (S.W.B.); Pte. G. Jones (S.W.B.); Pte. J. Ford (S.W.B.); Pte. 443 Davies (S.W.B.); L/Bdr. Gough (12th Battery R.A.); Ldg. Stoker Jeffrey (H.M.S. Rainbow); 2/Lieut. Cragg (Lincolns); Pte. J. Llewellyn (S.W.B.); Pte. Turner (Lincolns); and Stoker Masters (H.M.S. Rainbow).

nor must the fact that some of the Company's Establishments are not of modern construction. You will therefore appreciate the necessity for expenditure on modernization work and the maintenance of a high standard in respect of commodities, appointments, and equipment, in order to meet the disadvantages in connection with the Hotel buildings under which certain Establishments operate. Upon the matter of expenditure generally, all avenues for lessening this have been explored with a view to a reduction to an economic minimum consistent with the maintenance of an efficient organisation.

I now formally propose that the Report of the Directors and the Accounts for the financial year ended 31st December, 1932, as presented, be adopted, and that the following appropriations recommended by your Directors, as incorporated in the Balance Sheet, be carried into effect:

To Pay a Dividend of 40 cents per share on 1,000,000 "Old" Shares \$400,000.00

To Pay a Dividend of 20 cents per share on 193,807 "New" Shares 38,773.40

To carry forward to New Account 47,024.13

\$485,797.53

and I shall be obliged if some Shareholder will kindly second such proposal.

The proposal was seconded by Mr. A. M. L. Soares.

Other Matters.

Mr. Allan Cameron was re-elected Director on the proposal of Mr. Frank Austin, seconded by Mr. A. McKirdie.

On the proposal of Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, seconded by Mr. J. F. Wright, Mr. Messrs. Percy-Smith, Settle and Fleming were re-elected auditors. The payment of \$3,000 to them in respect of extra work carried out by them last year was also sanctioned.

FIVE YEARS' HARD LABOUR

FOR RETURNED BANISHEE.

Li Wo alias Ho Fong was charged at the Criminal Sessions this morning before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) with breach of a deportation order.

Accused was first convicted in 1921 for kidnapping and was deported for ten years. In December, 1929 he returned to the Colony and was sentenced for larceny and breach of the deportation order. In 1933 a new deportation order was made, the term being for life. Since that time he had returned to the Colony on several occasions and had been convicted for a number of crimes. He was at present serving a term of six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Sentence of five years hard labour was passed.

NICKEL COINS AS BULLET CASINGS

LIMITING THE RANGE OF MANCHUKUO ARMY.

Tokyo, March 13.—The Japanese Parliament will shortly adopt a bill changing the content of the Empire's small coinage from 20 per cent. nickel and 80 per cent. copper to approximately 100 per cent. nickel, according to information in Foreign business circles here. The bill is fostered by the War Office, it was reported, and is designed to build up reserves of nickel which would be available to melt down for casings of rifle and machine gun bullets in time of war.

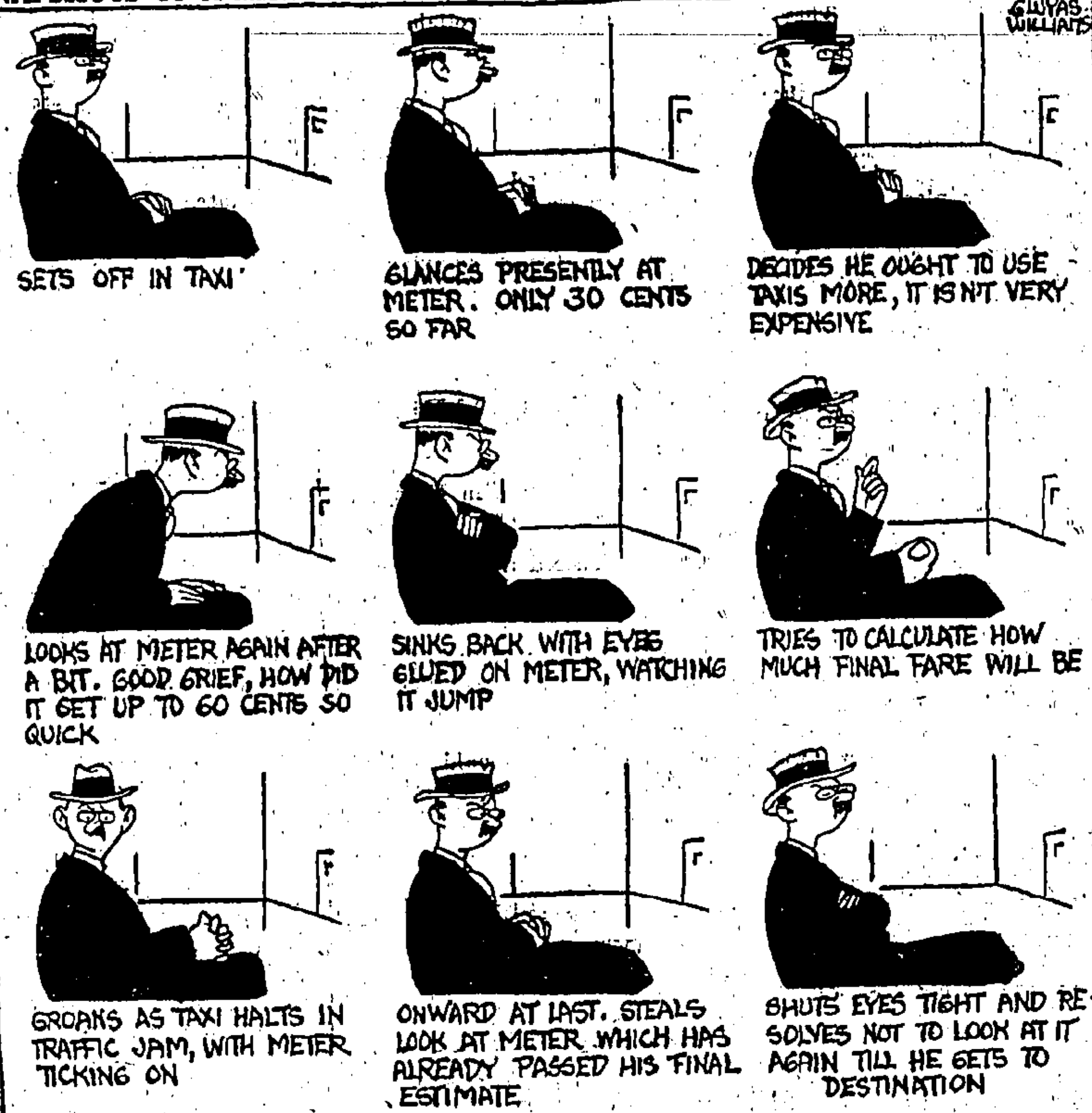
Most of the nickel, it was understood, will be bought from America.

can and Canadian interests. Extensive orders already have been placed and additional purchases are expected to spread over a period of years. The total purchases are expected to run around 8,000 tons or more.

It was understood the present small coinage is being withdrawn and will be melted down to use in casing rifle bullets for the armies of Manchukuo. The Manchukuo troops thus will have a cupro-nickel tipped bullet capable of a range of only around 1,000 yards—because of its low nickel content—while Japanese troops will have bullets of high nickel content capable of a range of 8,000 yards or more. Foreign observers assert the scheme will effectively prevent any danger of "uprisings" on the part of the Manchukuo troops who never will be able to get in rifle range of the better-armed Japanese forces.

SNAPSHOTS OF A MAN WATCHING THE METER

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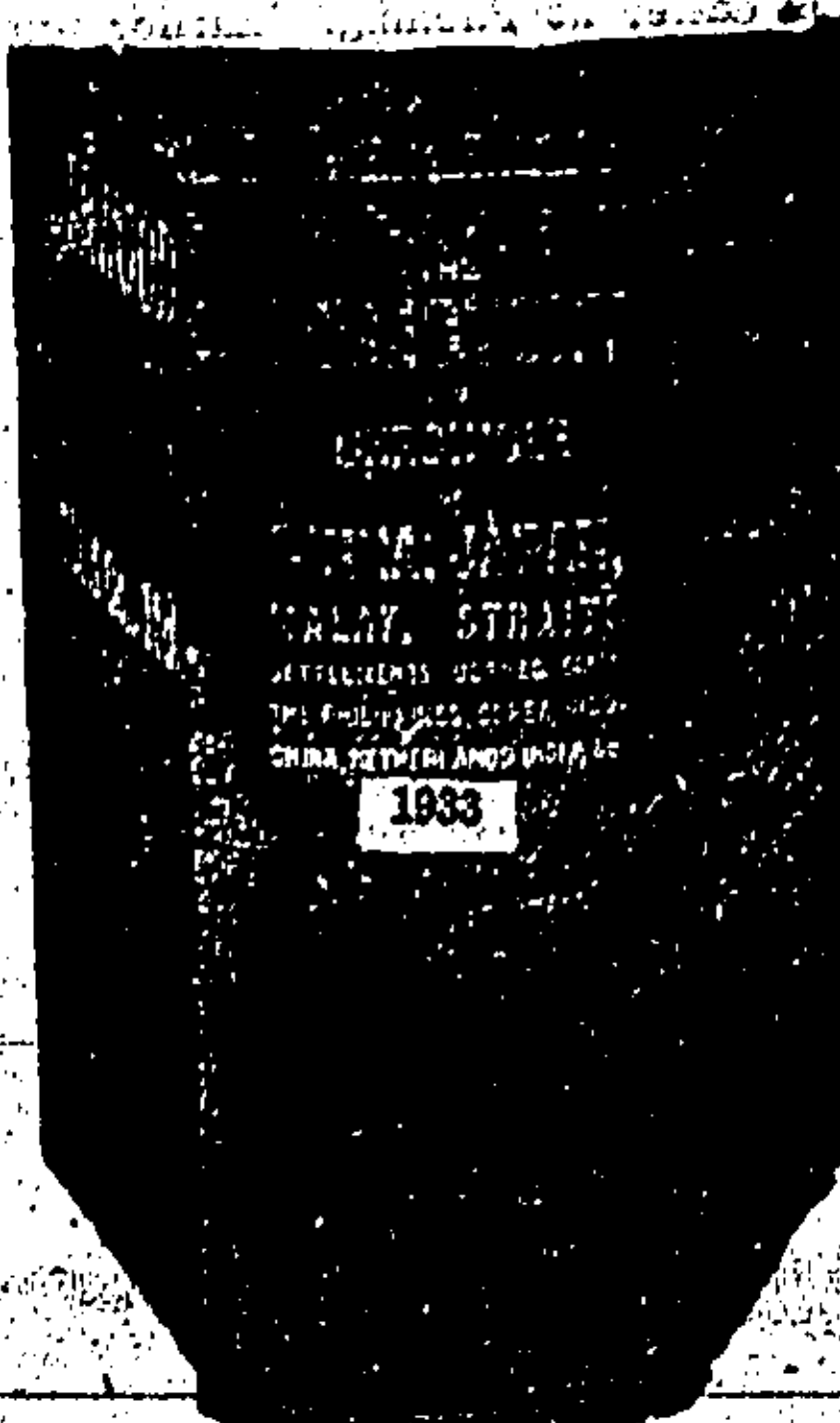
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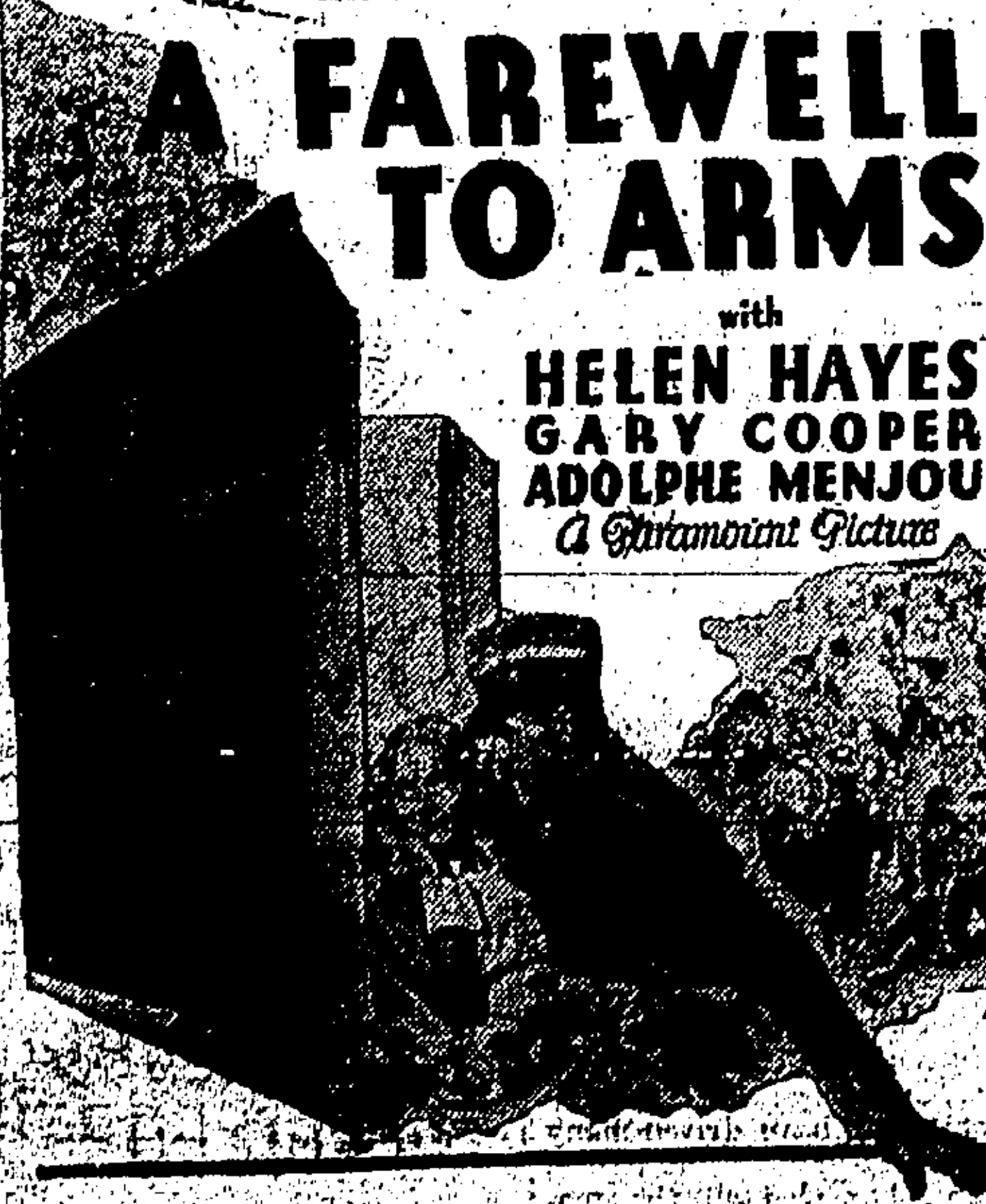
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Sixty-fourth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned, on Monday, the 10th April, 1933, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1932.

The following Resolutions will also be submitted to the Meeting:—

- (1) "That as from the 1st day of January, 1933, the remuneration of the Consulting Committee be increased from \$16,000 to \$24,000 per annum."
- (2) "That as from the 1st day of January, 1933, the remuneration of the Auditors be raised from \$1,500 to \$1,800 per annum for each firm."

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 27th March, to the 10th April, 1933, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1933. [605]

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company Limited, Pender Street, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 10th day of April, 1933, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting of the Company shall have been concluded when the subjoined Resolutions will be respectively proposed as Extraordinary Resolutions:

- (1) That the existing 8,000 shares in the capital of the Company of the nominal value of \$250 each, upon which the sum of \$100 has been paid up, be divided into 40,000 shares of the nominal value of \$50 each, upon which the sum of \$25 shall be credited as paid up.

(2) That as on and from the 1st day of July, 1933 the regulations contained in the printed documents submitted to the meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company, in substitution for the existing Articles of Association.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on Tuesday, the 25th day of April, 1933 at 12 Noon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of the above mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as Special Resolutions the above mentioned Resolutions respectively (Nos. 1 and 2).

A copy of the proposed new Articles of Association of the Company with the alterations and amendments and differences between the existing and proposed new Articles incorporated and indicated in red ink can be seen during the usual business hours at the aforesaid office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited.

Dated the 18th day of March, 1933.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LIMITED,
General Managers

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THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LTD.

ELECTRICITY—supply to the South side of Prince Edward Road from Waterloo Road Eastward to Ma Tau Wai village will be discontinued from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 22/3/33. [670]

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

THE Annual General Meeting will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 23rd of March, at 5.30 p.m.

By Order,
B. D. EVANS,
Hon. Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THI D EXTRA RACE MEETING.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held on SATURDAY, 1st APRIL, 1933 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Village Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1933.

By Order,
O. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

ST. PAULS GIRLS COLLEGE ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING

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THE PRIZE LIST.

Chan Ngai Sau, Young Suk Yee, Tam Chun Lu, Chu Wei Yung, Lo Yee Kui, Yau Lai Chun, Sam Yuen Han, Woo Choy Yung, Yung Sau Yan, Chan Mui Choo, Tai Sau Lan, Cheng Sue Ling, Li Sau Chun, Li Sau Chun, Li Po Ping, Kwong King Chun, Sam Yee Kue, Chan Yuen Kwai, Li Mei Lan, Young Yuen Yuen, Sam Yee Tsing, Leung Suen Ying, Yue Kit Ching, Li Kue Ying, Chan Yik Sun, Wong Yue Mui, Lam Sheung Kue, Li Mui Yung, Lo Suk Hing, Ma Chi Kin, Li Mei Ting, Ng Kam Yung, Ho Wan Hing, Li Yuet Sheung, Pang Ying Lin, Poon Suet Ming, Wong Kwai Ying, Li Yuen Wan, Lu Yuk Sai, Tang Kuen Wa, Hung Yuet Ming, Lau Chuk Ying, Chau Suk Chun, Yau Mei Ching, Wong Suen Kuen, Yau Mo Wan, Ng Wai Fong, Li Wai Tsing, Li Suk Kuen.

Gold Pins.

Lo Yee Kai, Li Mei Ting, Li Wei Tsing, Chan Yuen Kwai, Tang Kuen Wa, Yuet Yung, Sun Mo Wan.

Scholarships.

Chan Ngai Sun, Wong Sun Mei, Heun Pui Lin, Li Wei Ching, Jing Yee Lai, Jing Kai Sin.

THE BISHOP.

The Bishop of Victoria, who was in the Chair, said that he was glad to be able to be there and congratulated the girls on the 18th anniversary of their school. He had visited St. Paul's before, 11 years ago when they were housed in a very different building. He would like to congratulate Miss Woo, the girls and the council on the magnificent building they now had. Addressing the girls the Bishop said "you have splendid equipment and a splendid building your part is to fill it with the right spirit—I know you will do your best to do so." He thanked Miss Woo for the com-

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memorandum book which she had given him and was glad Mrs. Borrett was there to give away the certificates and tell them how a school should be run.

Gifts.
Two tiny children who had played the parts of fairies in one of the sketches, then came forward and presented Mrs. Borrett with a basket of flowers and a book containing the full report of St. Paul's Girls' College. Two elder girls then made a presentation of a microscope to Miss Woo.

MRS. BORRETT'S SPEECH.

Having presented the prizes Mrs. Borrett said:

Miss Woo, Miss Kotewall, my Lord Bishop, Students of St. Paul's Girls' College, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am not going to endeavour to make a speech as I feel it would be sheer folly on my part to attempt it and a great waste of your time to listen.

I should like to say, however, how privileged I felt at having been asked by Miss Woo to distribute the certificates at the College today its 18th Anniversary—and to have had this opportunity of meeting the students.

Judging by the contents of a book sent me a few days ago by Miss Woo—the College has made almost incredible strides since the year 1915—the date of its birth. I think you will all agree with me that this has in large measure been due to the personality and initiative of Miss Woo herself in conjunction with Miss Kotewall and many other loyal helpers—who have one and all placed the school as an ideal before their eyes and have most faithfully worked towards the fulfilment of that ideal ever since.

I understand that the students range from the ages of eight to eighteen years and that there is an Old Girls' Association which works loyally for the school whenever assistance is needed.

May I suggest however that many more of the old girls should join and take an interest in this Association and thereby keep in touch with the school to which they owe so much?

And now I should like to say this to both the Old Girls and students of the present day. We have all, or at least most of us, been school girls at some period of our lives—in fact in many cases our school has been our home for a number of years—and our teachers in the nature of our parents for the time being.

They have endeavoured—quite apart from the tuition given—to guide us aright, would our characters, teach us self-reliance and self-control—in fact to arm us for the temptations and difficulties of life, which each one of us must face, alone later on. And now—what do we do in return to show our appreciation of all that has been done for us?

1. Are we always as loyal as we might be to our old school?

2. Do we continue to take an interest and pride in it, and do what we can to help our teachers, who in the past have done so much for us?

3. Do we remember the religious instruction we have received at their hands and endeavour to lead—in spite of our many failures—a Christian life?

I want you all to consider these questions carefully and answer them to yourselves with absolute honesty, for I do so feel that if we just treat being in school as merely a passing episode in our lives, and after leaving it proceed as fast as we can to forget all the help and guidance we have received there, then surely we cut our school-time parents (meaning our teachers) to the heart.

Loyalty in every form—to one's school—to one's ideals—to one's friends—is quite one of the grandest factors in life and in closing I should like to illustrate this by telling you a little story—a true one—which was told to me a number of years ago when I was for a short time in Australia as quite a young girl and which I have never forgotten.

It is about a little orphan lad of eleven, who attended a small day school in a little township on the fringe of the bush in Australia. He loved the principal of the school and the principal in a great influence over him.

Out of school hours he worked. One day his employer asked him to take a letter to another township across the bush. It meant several days riding but the employer knew that the boy knew the bush well. When after a few days no answer was received and the boy did not return, the employer got anxious. He organised a search party and finally after several days the boys pony was found and then the boy—dead from thirst. Beside the boy's body was found the saddle and bridle of the pony and, stuck to a piece of wood, the letter, so displayed that if any one passed that way they must see it. The boy had died but he had made provision for the letter to be delivered. That, and his employer's search for him, illustrates loyalty. We should be just as loyal as we can to those who have done things for us, trusted us, and who have played the game by us.

Mr. N. L. Smith thanked Mrs. Borrett for her inspiring speech.

SHANGHAI TRADE IN 1932

REVIEWED BY CHAIRMAN OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CHINA'S ACHIEVEMENT IN BALANCING HER BUDGET

Shanghai, March 15.—The annual general meeting of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce took place yesterday with Mr. H. W. P. McMeekin in the chair.

The chairman said:—In these times of acute depression one likes to find some feature which may be taken as a portent of future improvement and it is with pleasure that I welcome this opportunity of referring to the manner in which the Minister of Finance, Mr. T. V. Soong, has mastered the almost superhuman problem of balancing his budget for the financial year ended June 30, 1932, and to the energy with which the provincial authorities are tackling the programme of road building.

With regard to the former it is indeed remarkable that, in spite of unforeseen events of the utmost seriousness, budgetary equilibrium has been maintained during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1932. It is necessary to remember that heavy expenses were incurred in connection with the anti-communist campaign in West China, unprecedented floods occurred in the Yangtze Valley, the influence of world-wide depression made itself felt in China and Sino-Japanese hostilities in Manchuria and the Shanghai district resulted in a very considerable loss of revenue which could not have been foreseen at the time Mr. T. V. Soong prepared his budget. Military expenditures, in spite of important reductions, is still the largest item by far on the payments side and accounts for over 45 per cent. of the total outgoings.

This heavy burden is entirely non-productive and must be reduced to reasonable limits before the more utilitarian public services can hope to receive the financial support they need and are justly entitled to. The conversion scheme for Domestic Bonds proved successful in spite of prognostications in many quarters to the contrary, with the result that a very appreciable increase in the market value of the bonds is now shown. With a few exceptions like and other charges on internal trade have now been abolished, but import duty remains as an obstacle to domestic trade.

Road building is proceeding apace and a few years ago it is hardly likely that any of us here could have visualised the progress which has been made, particularly during the past twelve months. The authorities are to be congratulated on the work achieved during most difficult times, and I am sure you will join with me in wishing them every success in their endeavours to complete a most ambitious programme.

For the rest the situation in China can only be described at the moment as gloomy. Enormous areas are still under the control of "red" bandits and other forms of rebel government; this in spite of the vigorous anti-bandit campaign waged by General Chiang Kai Shek in Central China. Several provinces appear to be completely at loggerheads with Nanking except on the Sino-Japanese question, and unification of the whole of China under a central government is still more true in theory than in fact. Nevertheless, there are indications of improvement in many ways and I sincerely hope that an early solution will be found to the present difficulties in the North which will give the various Chinese government organs an opportunity to progress with their schemes of reconstruction and reorganisation, for the benefit of the country.

Customs Figures.
For commerce, shipping and banking the year just past was indeed a black one and the following figures, for which I am indebted to the Inspector General of Customs, Shanghai, indicate the serious falling off in the trade of the country:

1932	H.K. Tls.
Import duty	181,663,000
Export duty	17,188,000
Import Duty and Inter-port Surtax	13,191,000
On Import Duty	10,673,000
On Export Duty	1,535,400
Revenue Surtax	2,964,400
On Import Duty	287,000
On Export Duty	2,708,000
Tonnage Dues	2,708,000
Total H.K. Tls.	200,239,000

The average T. T. selling rates for the year were sterling 1/6½ and U.S. Dollars 34½ per cent. It has been customary in the past to draw comparisons with the sterling rates in the preceding years but in view of the abandonment of the gold standard by Great Britain at the end of 1931, any such comparisons would only be misleading.

Re recuperative Powers.
Apart from the many other factors which retard the return to normal trading conditions in China, the world depression, which up to a few months ago had treated us

very leniently in Shanghai, compared with the rest of the world, is now making its weight really felt and most difficult times are undoubtedly ahead for all. I feel, however, that the enormous potential market available here and the extraordinary recuperative powers of this country may raise us out of our present straits provided peace can be obtained; peace throughout the country and a central government representative of the country as a whole. It is a good deal to hope for but let us not despair. China, and the world in general have negotiated similar crises in the past and I feel sure our present difficulties will straighten out in the due time.

District Court.

The question of revision of the Special District Court Agreement has been a good deal before the public during the past year and has received the very close attention of your committee. Action was taken by your committee through the usual channels and, whilst it is not the Chamber's desire to harass the Chinese Government in its endeavours by constitutional and diplomatic means to introduce changes into the present agreement regarding the Special District Courts in Shanghai, they must maintain their objection to any revision tending to impair the existing foreign rights of legal redress. The agreement has, as you are already aware, been renewed recently for a further term of three years.

In spite of prolonged negotiations with the Customs your committee was unable to arrange for the continuance of Customs daily returns, either in their old or a modified form. Monthly returns of Shanghai trade are now issued by the Statistical Department, but these are of little practical value to the majority of firms in comparison with the previous publication and your Chamber will continue to press for a more suitable form of presentation.

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SPECULATION IN SILVER

FAR EAST REACTION IN LONDON

(Special Air-Mail Service)

London, Feb. 29.—Events in the Far East are causing a certain "liveliness" in the silver market. As is usual when trouble threatens China, the demand for silver for that country has become keener during the past week, and the price, which about a fortnight ago stood at 16 9-16d. per oz., has since touched 17 5-16d.

While there is a genuine demand on China account, speculators are also taking an active interest in the metal in view of possible developments. This accounts for the fluctuating tendency of silver prices, which are now back to 17 1-16d. per oz., spot and 17 3-16d. two months forward.

American speculative purchases have been a factor in the recent advance in the price of the metal, buying in New York having been stimulated by the statement respecting a more favourable attitude towards silver legislation on the part of the House of Representatives.

LADY TATA SCHOLARSHIPS

The Lady Tata Memorial Trust, founded in April, 1932, by the late Sir Dorabji Tata, of Bombay, as a memorial to his wife, announces that two Lady Tata Research Scholarships, of the value of £400 a year each, will be open for award in June, 1933, to men or women in the British Commonwealth, exclusive of India, for research work in the subject of blood diseases.

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ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

MARCH 19, 1933.														MARCH 20, 1933.													
STATION	HOURS KTC STARTING TIME	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	WIND DIRECTION	WIND FORCE (KNOTS)		WIND VELOCITY (KNOTS)	HOURS KTC STARTING TIME	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	WIND DIRECTION	WIND FORCE (KNOTS)		WIND VELOCITY (KNOTS)											
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Nemuro	11	29.90	759.5	...	...	NNE	2	...	5	30.00	762.0	...	...	...	...	...											
Hakodate	...	30.04	763.0	...	...	W	4	...	...	30.04	763.0	...	...	...	0	1											
Tokio	...	29.98	761.5	...	...	...	0	...	...	30.01	763.0	...	...	N	1	...											
Kochi	...	30.02	762.5	...	...	SE	1	...	...	29.98	761.5	...	...	WSW	1	...											
Nagasaki	...	30.04	763.0	...	...	ESE	2	...	...	29.98	759.0	...	...	SE	5	...											
Kagoshima	...	30.04	763.0	...	...	S	1	...	...	29.98	761.0	...	...	...	0	...											
Oshima	...	30.02	762.5	...	...	SW	1	...	...	30.00	762.0	...	...	S	1	...											
Naha	...	30.06	763.5	...	...	SSW	2	...	...	29.98	761.5	...	...	SSE	1	...											
Ishigakijima	...	30.04	763.0	...	...	S	2	...	...	29.98	761.0	...	...	S	1	...											
Bonin Island	...	30.08	764.0	...	...	WNW	1	...	...	30.10	764.5	...	...	...	0	...											
Chefoo	15	29.91	759.7	58	8	SSW	2	o	6	29.88	758.8	36	6	NE	2	b											
Shanghai	14	29.89	759.3	68	6	SSE	2	b	...	29.84	758.0	62	4	SSE	2	b											
Guizafai	...	29.98	761.5	49	1	SE	4	f	...	29.90	763.4	45	4	S	4	b											
Wenchow	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	760.8	55	...	SW	1	f											
Foochow	...	29.91	759.7	62	6	...	0	b	7	29.88	758.9	60	6	NW	6	b											
Amoy	...	30.07	763.8	76	8	SE	2	b	6	29.95	760.7	63	6	SSE	2	...											
Swatow	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...											
Taiho	11	30.03	762.7	78	...	...	0	b	5	29.94	760.4	59	...	...	0	b											
Taihu	...	30.04	763.0	77	...	...	0	b	...	29.98	761.0	68	...	...	0	b											
Tainan	...	30.01	762.3	83	...	SW	2	b	...	29.93	760.1	67	...	ENE	2	b											
Koshan	...	30.00	761.9	81	...	E	2	b	...	29.95	760.8	67	...	...	0	b											
Pescadores	...	30.01	762.3	79	...	SSW	2	b	...	29.91	758.7	67	...	SSW	2	b											
Hong Kong	14	29.93	760.3	77	7	E	3	b	6	29.89	759.2	67	3	ENE	1	o											
Gap Rock	...	29.95	760.7	71	7	NE	3	b	...	29.89	759.2	73	2	ENE	8	f											
Macao	...	29.91	759.7	79	6	SSE	2	o	...	29.83	758.8	67	1	SE	2	f											
Hoihow	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...											
Pratas Island	...	29.93	760.1	83	8	...	0	b	6	29.90	759.5	68	6	...	0	b											
Philum	15	29.87	758.7	68	0	SSE	2	d	7	29.84	757.9	66	0	S	4	d											
Tourane	...	29.84	757.9	79	6	HSE	1	b	...	29.85	758.2	70	5	...	0	...											
Cape St. James	...	29.81	759.6	81	7	ENE	2	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...											
Basco	14	29.91	759.8	79	8	SE	4	b	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...											
Apurri	...	29.37	758.8	85	6	NE	4	b	...	29.89	759.3	66	8	...	0	b											
Puguegarao	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...											
Vigan	...	29.85	758.8	86	8	WSW	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...											
Manila	...	29.86	758.4	86	8	SW	2	b	...	29.91	759.6	67	...	...	0	b											
Lepuspi	...	29.85	758.2	86	8	NNE	4	b	...	29.88	758.9	68	...	...	...	...											
Calbayog	...	29.84	757.9	89	8	N	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...											
Tacolban	...	29.81	757.1	91	8	E	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...											
Dilo	...	...	...	...	...	N	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...											
Coebu	...	29.82	757.4	93	8	N	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...											
Surigao	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...											
Saipan	11.00	29.80	758.0	...	8	ESE	4	b	4.32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...											
Guam	12.23	29.85	757.0	...	8	E	4	b	5	29.87	758.6	...	6	NE	4	b											
Yap	11.00	29.85	757.3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...											
Palau	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...											
Labuan	14	29.90	760.1	81	...	S	...	b	6	29.81	759.8	70	...	...	...	b											

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FROM HONG KONG TO COAST
PORTS AND JAPAN.

Amoy.

Hai Yang, Douglas, March 21.
Tai Yuan, B. & S., March 22.
King Yuen, B. & S., March 22.
Santia, B. I. (Apcar), March 24.
Hai Ching, Douglas, March 24.
Hannan, B. & S., March 25.
Hai Ning, Douglas, March 26.
Takada, B. I. (Apcar), April 1.
Kutsang, Jardine's, April 1.
Sirdhana, B. I. (Apcar), April 2.
Taima, B. I. (Apcar), May 4.
Tilawa, B. I. (Apcar), May 18.

Aniung.

Linan, B. & S., March 24.
Hop Sang, Jardine's, March 31.

Chetco.

Kanchow, B. & S., March 24.
Hang Sang, Jardine's, April 13.

Dalny.

Linan, B. & S., March 24.
Sarpedon, B. & S., April 1.
Patroclus, B. & S., April 28.
Antenor, B. & S., May 26.

Fochow.

Hai Yang, Douglas, March 21.
Hai Ching, Douglas, March 24.
Hai Ning, Douglas, March 24.
Hop Sang, Jardine's, March 31.
Hang Sang, Jardine's, April 13.

Hankow.

Eumacus, B. & S., May 7.

Japan Ports.

Bhutan, P. & O., March 21.
Canton, Gilman's, March 21.
Euryates, B. & S., March 21.
Toyooka Maru, N.Y.K., March 22.
Machano, B. & S., March 22.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., March 23.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., March 24.
Chitral, P. & O., March 24.
Santia, B. I. (Apcar), March 24.
Saale, Melchers, March 24.
Tokio Maru, N.Y.K., March 27.
Diomed, B. & S., March 27.
Tyndareus, B. & S., March 30.
Pres. Hoover, Dollar's, March 30.
Kulmerland, Jensen, March 31.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar's, April 1.
Pres. Taft, Am. Line, April 1.
Asia, Manners', April 4.
Nellore, E. & A. S.S. Co., April 6.
Ranchi, P. & O., April 6.
Canton, Gilman's, April 6.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., April 7.
Fulda, Melchers, April 7.
Takada, B. I. (Apcar), April 7.
Mentor, B. & S., April 10.
Pres. McKinley, Dollar's, April 12.
Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., April 12.
Agamemnon, B. & S., April 14.
Pres. Jefferson, Am. Line, April 15.
Soudan, P. & O., April 18.
Kutsang, Jardine's, April 19.
Carthage, P. & O., April 20.
Protosilaus, B. & S., April 20.
Trave, Melchers, April 20.
Sirdhana, B. I. (Apcar), April 21.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., April 21.
Japan, Gilman's, April 25.
Tatsuta Maru, N.Y.K., April 26.
Pres. Coolidge, Dollar's, April 26.
Danmark, Manners', April 27.
Pres. Madison, Dollar's, April 29.
Pres. V. Buren, Dollar's, April 29.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Taima, B. I. (Apcar), May 4.
Tanda, E. & A. S.S. Co., May 4.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., May 5.
Eumacus, B. & S., May 5.
Trier, Melchers, May 5.
Maron, B. & S., May 8.
Andre Lebon, Messageries, May 9.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar's, May 10.
City of Shanghai, Bank Line, May 12.
Memnon, B. & S., May 12.
Burward, P. & O., May 13.
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Soochow, B. & S., March 21.
Daviken, Jardine's, March 21.
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Chakasang, Jardine's, March 26.
Diomed, B. & S., March 27.
Kwaissang, Jardine's, March 29.
Sarpedon, B. & S., April 1.
Norviken, Jardine's, April 2.

Kanchow, B. & S., March 24.
Hop Sang, Jardine's, March 31.
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Portland.

Corneville, Bank Line, March 24.

Puget Sound.

Corneville, Bank Line, March 24.

San Francisco.

Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., March 23.
Corneville, Bank Line, March 24.
Pres. Hoover, Dollar's, March 29.
Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., April 12.
Pres. McKinley, Dollar's, April 12.
Pres. Coolidge, Dollar's, April 26.
Tatsuta Maru, N.Y.K., April 26.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar's, May 10.
Pres. Hoover, Dollar's, May 24.

Seattle.

Tyndareus, B. & S., March 30.
Pres. Taft, Am. Line, April 1.
Pres. Jefferson, Am. Line, April 15.
Protosilaus, B. & S., April 20.
Pres. Madison, Dollar's, April 29.
Ixion, B. & S., May 11.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar's, May 13.

South America (W.O.).

Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.

Vancouver, B.C.

Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., March 24.
Tyndareus, B. & S., March 30.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., April 7.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., April 21.
Lahn, Melchers, April 7.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., May 5.
Ixion, B. & S., May 11.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., May 19.

Victoria, B.C.

Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., March 24.
Pres. Taft, Am. Line, April 1.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., April 7.
Pres. Jefferson, Am. Line, April 15.
Protosilaus, B. & S., April 20.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., April 21.
Pres. Madison, Dollar's, April 29.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., May 5.
Ixion, B. & S., May 11.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar's, May 13.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., May 19.

SOUTHWARD.

FROM HONG KONG TO COAST
PORTS, MANILA, AUSTRALIA.

Australian Ports, East.

Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., March 25.
Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., April 1.
Change, B. & S., April 16.
Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., April 22.
Nellore, E. & A. S.S. Co., May 2.
Tai Ping, B. & S., May 19.

Ball.

Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., March 21.

Bangkok.

Munnam, Manners', March 22.
Hirundo, Thoresen's, March 26.
Kwangchow, B. & S., March 26.

Batavia.

Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., March 21.
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Belawan (Deli).

Adrasius, B. & S., March 29.
Neckar, Melchers, April 12.
Rhexenor, B. & S., May 7.

Haiphong.

Kiungchow, B. & S., March 24.

Hohow.

Kiungchow, B. & S., March 24.

Java.

Agapenor, B. & S., April 14.

Macassar.

Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., March 21.

Madang.

Bremerhaven, Melchers, April 12.

Manila.

Pres. Hoover, Dollar's, March 29.
Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., March 21.
Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., March 25.
Pres. Taft, Dollar's, March 25.
Neckar, Melchers, March 25.
Shan Tung, Gilman's, March 29.
Adrasius, B. & S., March 29.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., March 30.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar's, April 1.
Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., April 1.
Jefferson, Am. Line, April 6.
Agapenor, B. & S., April 14.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., April 14.
Teucer, B. & S., April 14.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar's, April 15.
Change, B. & S., April 18.
Pres. Coolidge, Dollar's, April 18.
Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., April 22.
Pres. Madison, Dollar's, April 29.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., April 29.
Pres. V. Buren, Dollar's, April 29.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar's, May 10.
Pres. Hoover, Dollar's, May 24.

Honolulu.

Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., March 23.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., March 24.
Pres. Hoover, Dollar's, March 29.
Pres. McKinley, Dollar's, April 12.
Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., April 12.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., April 21.
Tatsuta Maru, N.Y.K., April 26.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar's, May 10.
Pres. Hoover, Dollar's, May 24.

Los Angeles.

Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., March 23.
Corneville, Bank Line, March 24.
Pres. Hoover, Dollar's, March 29.
Pres. McKinley, Dollar's, April 12.
Tatsuta Maru, N.Y.K., April 26.
Pres. Coolidge, Dollar's, April 26.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar's, May 10.
Pres. Hoover, Dollar's, May 24.

Mexico.

Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.

Panama.

Pres. Hoover, Dollar's, March 29.
Pres. McKinley, Dollar's, April 12.
Pres. Coolidge, Dollar's, April 26.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar's, May 10.
Pres. Hoover, Dollar's, May 24.

New Guinea.

Bremerhaven, Melchers, April 12.

Yakal.

Kiungchow, B. & S., March 24.

Zabul.

Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., April 1.
Bremerhaven, Melchers, April 12.
Nellore, E. & A. S.S. Co., May 2.

Sandakan.

Mausang, Jardine's, March 23.
Hin Sang, B. & S., April 5.

Sourabaya.

Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., March 21.

Tulagi.

Bremerhaven, Melchers, April 12.

WESTWARD.

FROM HONG KONG TO EUROPE,
AFRICA, ETC.

Aden.

Comorin, P. & O., March 23.
Aramis, Messageries, March 28.
Automedon, B. & S., March 29.
Terukuni Maru, N.Y.K., March 31.
Bangalore, P. & O., April 1.
Ranpura, P. & O., April 8.
Chenonceaux, Messageries, April 11.
Aeneas, B. & S., April 11.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., April 15.
Chitral, P. & O., April 22.
Athos II, Messageries, April 25.
Deucalion, B. & S., April 26.
Bhutan, P. & O., April 29.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., April 29.
Ranchi, P. & O., May 6.
D'Artagnan, Messageries, May 9.
Sarpedon, B. & S., May 10.
Carthage, P. & O., May 20.
Andre Lebon, Messageries, May 23.
Agamemnon, B. & S., May 24.
Soudan, P. & O., May 27.

Alexandria.

Pres. Pierce, Dollar's, April 1.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar's, April 15.
Pres. V. Buren, Dollar's, April 29.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar's, May 13.
Pres. Polk, Dollar's, May 27.

Algiers.

Shan Tung, Gilman's, March 29.

Amsterdam.

Neckar, Melchers, March 25.
Shan Tung, Gilman's, March 29.
Lahn, Melchers, April 10.
Saale, Melchers, April 21.
Canton, Gilman's, May 5.

Antwerp.

Terukuni Maru, N.Y.K., March 31.
Bangalore, P. & O., April 1.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., April 15.
Bhutan, P. & O., April 29.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., April 29.

Barcelona.

Aeneas, B. & S., April 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar's, May 27.

Beyruth.

Lima Maru, N.Y.K., April 18.

Bombay.

Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., March 29.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar's, April 1.

